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CABLE SHIP ASHORE.

The Scotia on the Rocks and May Prove a Total Loss.

(Associated Press.)

Island of Guam, March 11.—The cable ship Scotia is ashore on Spanish Rocks. The water is nearly up to her decks, and she will probably prove a total wreck. The Scotia is a vessel of 2,776 tons register, and is owned by the Telegraph Construction & Maintenance Company, Limited, of London.

The foreign population of Korea consists of about 30,000 Japanese, 5,000 Chinese, 300 Americans, 100 British, 100 French, 100 Russians, 50 Germans and about 50 of various other nationalities.

JAPS GOING HOME.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 11.—Among the passengers who arrived to-day on the steamer Celtic from Liverpool and Queenstown were twenty-eight Japanese army and navy officers returning home from European countries, and the Right Rev. Joseph C. Hartzell, missionary bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church to Africa.

A determined effort is to be made to procure the indictment of at least the leading members of the mob who lynched Dixon at Springfield, Ohio. It is asserted that enough evidence has now been secured to procure the indictment of at least twenty men under the Stewart law.

JAP TORPEDO BOAT AND RUSSIAN DESTROYER SUNK

Attack Made on the Japanese Fleet This Morning---Details of First Fight at Port Arthur---Russians Busy Building Defences at Wiju.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, March 11.—The Russian torpedo boat flotilla left Port Arthur at broad daylight this morning and attacked the Japanese fleet.

One Japanese torpedo boat was sunk and one Russian torpedo boat destroyer sunk.

The fate of the latter's crew is not known.

THE FIRST FIGHT.

Japs Lost Six Killed and Fifty Wounded in Attack on Port Arthur.

Chicago, March 11.—Capt. Matsumura, who acted as signal officer on the Mikasa, Admiral Togo's flagship, during the first attack on Port Arthur, on February 9th, gives a graphic story of the fight in the Jiji Shimbo, Japan's most widely circulated newspaper, of the date of February 15th. Copies of the paper have just been received by Shezaburo Shimizu, Japanese consul for Chicago. The account by Capt. Matsumura is the first from a Japanese eye-witness. The captain was wounded in the foot as he stood on the bridge of the Fuji by a shell from one of the Port Arthur batteries.

Capt. Matsumura's story reveals the fact that the Japanese battleship Fuji was badly damaged, but not disabled by Russian shells, while two of its officers, Commander Nakayama and Lieut. Miura, were killed by a single shell while standing on the bridge. Capt. Matsumura's description of the naval battle and the events leading up to it is as follows:

"Admiral Togo called the captains of the allied fleet to his flagship in Sasebo harbor on February 6th. Plans were discussed, but of course were not revealed. At 2 o'clock that afternoon the fleet left the harbor.

"At 8 a. m. on February 7th, smoke was noticed on the horizon, the Tsukushi was dispatched to investigate, and discovered the Russian steamer Rossia, which was captured.

"Shortly after this prize was taken, Rear-Admiral Uriu, and one of the divisions of the fleet, started for Chemulpo. Admiral Togo directed the hoisting of signal flags that read: 'Attack the enemy's boats as soon as they are seen.' Late that day a Russian torpedo boat chaser was seen, and shots were exchanged at a distance of about 3,000 metres.

"The second-class cruiser Chitoz, and two other smaller vessels were dispatched at 9 a. m. on February 9th towards Port Arthur to reconnoitre. They reported sighting five of the enemy's boats, who fired on them. The fortress did not fire, so Admiral Togo signalled: 'Attack the main fleet at once.'

"As the Japanese fleet proceeded towards Port Arthur they met, coming out of the harbor, a Japanese and a Russian merchantman, the Manchuria. The Russian vessel was captured without firing a shot.

At 11 a. m., at a distance of 10 knots from Port Arthur, one of the epemy's scout boats was sighted, and two boats were sent after it. It returned to the harbor.

"Then the Japanese fleet formed in fighting line and approached the harbor. We saw Russian men-of-war trying to get back under shelter of the fort's guns. The Mikasa fired first and then raised the attacking flag. The enemy answered, and the engagement became general. The Russian shells fell short, but the fire from the forts damaged the fleet slightly.

"Our men behaved splendidly. They showed no excitement, but great enthusiasm in their work at the guns. We wished to continue the fight, but the shells from the shore batteries were falling alarmingly close, and we feared the torpedo boats, so the signal was given to retire.

"Our casualties in this first attack on Port Arthur were: Killed, two officers, three non-commissioned officers and one man; seriously wounded, two officers, one non-commissioned officer, four midshipmen and eighteen men; slightly wounded, four officers, five non-commissioned officers and twenty-five men."

RUSSIAN ACCOUNT.

Port Arthur Paper Gives Further Particulars of the Engagement.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—1.10 p.m.—Copies of the Novoe Krai, of Port Arthur, which have just arrived here, contain the first detailed Russian description of the naval battle at Port Arthur, February 9th. It says:

"The Russian squadron, which was prepared to resist attack when the Japanese were sighted by the scouts, was composed of the battleships Petrovpavlovsk, flagship; Peresviet, Poltava, Sebastopol and Pobieda, the armored cruiser Bayan, the protected cruisers Diana, Askold, Boyarin and Novik, and the transport Angara. The battleships Retvizan and Czarevitch, which had been torpedoed on the previous night, were too badly injured to participate.

"At 8 o'clock in the morning four Japanese cruisers rounded the Liao Tishin promotory, and headed for the southwest, with the intention of drawing the Russians in pursuit.

"The fast Boyarin was sent out to reconnoitre. She returned at 10.35 a.m. and signalled the approach of a large Japanese fleet, which was sighted at 11.07. It was composed of twelve vessels, six battleships and six cruisers. They were steaming in line abreast. Four of the cruisers took up a position behind the heavier ships.

"The Japanese opened fire at four miles; the Russians immediately replied. The latter which had been disposed in line altered their position. The Askold and Boyarin advanced abreast and the Novik moved down the coast towards Liao Tshin, while the Bayan advanced and led the rest of the fleet between the heavier vessels of Russia's enemy and the coast. The land batteries followed the fleet into action, Viceroy Alexieff and his staff observing the engagement from Golden Hill.

"The enemy steamed to within forty cable lengths (about 8,000 yards), and in the three-quarters of an hour approached to within 25 cable lengths (5,000 yards), and then heading about toward the south the fleet soon disappeared in the mist, which veiled the horizon.

"The enemy's fire was directly chiefly against the Golden Hill and the electric searchlight station batteries, upon which the Japanese rained a perfect storm of shells. Many shells fell in the west basin, a few even reaching Quail Hill.

"Only the Novik, Askold and Diana sustained injuries. Toward the end of the engagement a column of steam and smoke poured out of one of the Japanese vessels, and it is believed she sank."

The Novoe Krai says it was learned later that six of the enemy's ships were damaged, and that 130 men were killed or wounded.

The Russian losses as given by the Novoe Krai corresponds with the official report. The Russian protected cruiser Pallada, although torpedoed and ashore, participated in the action. The Russian torpedo boats awaited the orders to attack, east of the squadron, but the enemy did not approach within the distance desired.

The account concludes: "Although the enemy's squadron was composed of the best ships in the Japanese fleet, all being excellent armor, while most of ours were without armor, our ships did not hesitate to approach the enemy at full speed, the pace being so rapid that the enemy could not get their range. The Novik particularly distinguished herself several times, attacking the Mikasa, the Japanese flagship."

BUILDING DEFENCES.

Russians Preparing to Withstand Japanese Assaults on Wiju.

Tokio, March 11.—The Wiju Seoul railway concession was signed yesterday by the Japanese and Korean authorities.

The Russians are engaged in building defences at Wiju, which will co-operate with the fortifications already constructed on the left bank of the Yalu.

It is reported that the Russians have 15,000 tons of coal at Wiju, which they keep drenched with kerosene in readiness to burn should the Japanese land there.

KOREANS ASSIST.

Have Placed Services at Disposal of Commander of Vladivostock.

Vladivostock, March 11.—The Korean inhabitants of Vladivostock, as a tangible proof of their sympathy with Russia, have placed their services at the disposal of the commander of the town for the construction of defences.

Foreign residents of Nagasaki, who have arrived here, report that all Japanese docks are engaged in making repairs to the ships that were damaged in the engagement at Port Arthur.

NOT FAIR TEST.

German Admiral Says Japanese Torpedo Successes Were Accidental.

New York, March 11.—Admiral Von Tirpitz, minister of marine, in a speech before the budget committee of the Reichstag, declared that the Japanese torpedo successes had not changed the opinion of German experts, says a Sun dispatch from Berlin. He declares that the successes were accidental and without real significance. They were not obtained under conditions that made a fair test.

CONCESSIONS TO RUSSIANS.

By the Korean Government Are Nullified By Recent Protocol.

Tokio, March 11.—The Japanese-Korean protocol was published at Seoul in an extra edition of the Gazette yesterday. The Korean government will publicly announce that the publication of the protocol nullifies the concessions granted to Russia, such as the non-alienation of coal mining at Kochvo island and Rose island, and the forestry concessions in the Ulleungdo, Tukeu and Yalu valleys.

REVOLUTIONARY MANIFESTO

Distributed in St. Petersburg—Citizens Asked Not to Contribute to War Fund.

New York, March 11.—Thousands of copies of a revolutionary manifesto appealing to citizens not to contribute to the war fund were distributed about the city yesterday, says a St. Petersburg dispatch to the Sun. Some were posted on walls until the police removed them. The manifesto also warns citizens not to support the government because it brought about, for dynastic purposes, a war which will cost millions of roubles and ruin the country.

STATES IN EAST.

German Editor Declares Japan Will Have to Be Reckoned With.

Berlin, March 11.—William Grunow, editor of Die Grenz-Boten, of Leipsic, in analyzing the play of international interests in the Far East says that the late Field Marshal Von Waldersee, after his return from China, often talked with his close friends on the certainty that the United States would have a leading role there. His solicitude for the future interests of Germany was also connected with the United States position in Far Eastern affairs. Mr. Grunow does not say where Von Waldersee's utterances end and the editor's begin, but the article continues:

"The United States's attitude towards Japan is understandable because of her commercial relations with Japan and Manchuria, and by reason of her aspiration to the hegemony of the Pacific. If the United States should maintain her claims to predominate in the Pacific she must reckon with Japan, either as a friend or an enemy. The moment the United States interests require friendly relations with Japan, taking into consideration the limited strength of the American navy and the existence of the British-Japanese alliance for the time, this alliance will check American hegemony on the Asiatic side of the Pacific." The editor regards an American-British-Japanese alliance as a possibility.

MYSTIFIED.

Russian Military and Naval Authorities Guessing at Object of Japanese Movements.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—2.45 p. m.—Up to this hour no further news is obtainable of the bombardment of Port Arthur, which was progressing, according to the latest advices, at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. Whatever later information, if any, the Emperor may have, is not known.

Military and naval circles are mystified at the purpose of the appearance of Japanese torpedo boats during the previous night, as it was not accompanied by a serious attempt upon the Russian ships. The bombardment of the fleet from a position of the Liao-Tshin promontory, which is five to six miles from Golden Hill, at the entrance of the harbor, is believed to indicate that the Japanese were afraid to risk a front attack under the guns of the land batteries. It is considered doubtful whether any of the guns of the Russian batteries command the location from which the Japanese were firing. It is pointed out that dropping shells into the harbor and town, even in fun, is accompanied by danger, and this hap-hazard work is explicable perhaps only on the theory that it was meant as a diversion to cover more serious operations elsewhere. Still some of the experts here declare their belief that the only object of the Japanese was to keep the garrison and fleet worried.

AT NEWCHWANG.

Russian Field Battery Has Arrived—Chinese Story of Russian Retreat.

Tientsin, March 11.—A Chinese refugee from Nshu Chen insists that he has seen Russians retreating from the Yalu river and destroying villages en route.

One field battery has been installed in the forts at Newchwang, and also one company of infantry, while preparations are being made to mount a siege gun.

One officer and four Japanese soldiers, who recently were captured near Wiju, Korea, were paraded through the streets of Mukden on Tuesday, March 8th.

THE WAR NEWS.

Dispatches Will Hereafter Be Sent to London Via San Francisco.

New York, March 11.—Following an arrangement affected by the general manager of the Associated Press the war news collected by the great European news agencies from Japan, Korean and Chinese territory will, after to-day, be transmitted to London via the Pacific cable and the United States, and will be delivered en route to the Associated Press newspapers. Hitherto that matter has been transmitted from the Far East via India, and has been repeated from London to New York. Under the new arrangement the first publication of all of this news will be made in America.

H. H. MURRAY DEAD.

Was at One Time Governor of Newfoundland.

(Associated Press.)

London, March 11.—Herbert Hartley Murray, former governor of Newfoundland, died to-day. He was born in 1829.

THE BUSINESS OF THE SESSION

LORD MINTO READS SPEECH FROM THRONE

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Agreement—Bill to Amend the Militia Act.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 11.—Parliament was formally opened at 3 o'clock to-day by Lord Minto. The weather was excellent and the crowd was large. His Excellency the Governor-General, seated in a carriage drawn by four horses with outriders, left Government House at a quarter to three o'clock. An escort from the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards accompanied the Viceregal carriage to and from Rideau Hall. On Parliament Hill, at the main entrance to the Senate and House of Commons, Lord Minto was received with a guard of honor from the Governor-General's Foot Guards. The band of that regiment supplied the music.

In the Senate chamber Lord Minto delivered the speech from the throne, which is as follows:

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate; Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In again meeting you in parliament it is our first duty to express our heartfelt thanks to a beneficient Providence for the bountiful harvest with which the country has been favored during the past year, and for the general prosperity that prevails in all parts of the Dominion.

It is very gratifying to note that the yearly increasing trade of Canada, which has been so marked a feature of the past six years, gives no indication of any abatement, while the number of settlers seeking homes in Manitoba and the Territories is without a parallel in the history of the country.

These two very important facts lead irresistably to the conclusion that long before the trans-continental railway, authorized by parliament at its last session, can possibly be completed its urgent necessity as a medium for carrying the products of the West to our own Atlantic ports will have become apparent, independently of the many benefits that will follow from the opening up for colonization and for various enterprises of the northern parts of Quebec and Ontario.

The agreement made with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company regarding a new transcontinental railway contained certain stipulations which, in effect, required the Grand Trunk Company of Canada to become a party to that agreement, and to assume heavy obligations in respect thereof.

Further consideration of the agreement by the representatives of the Grand Trunk Railway Company and my government has resulted in showing the desirability of certain amendments to the contract which, having been approved by my government and subsequently by the board of directors and the shareholders of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, will be submitted to you for ratification. The sum of $5,000,000 in cash has been deposited in the Bank of Montreal in accordance with the provisions contained in the original and supplement agreements with the company.

A militia bill will be introduced containing several important amendments to the present law rendered necessary by the growth of the force and calculated to promote its efficiency.

A copy of the award defining the boundary between the Dominion and Alaska and other papers connected with the controversy will be laid before you.

In view of the widely-extended settlements now forming in the Territories, it will become necessary to increase the strength of the Northwest Mounted Police force, and authority will be asked for that purpose.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The accounts of the past year will be laid before you. I am glad to say that the revenue will exceed the expenditure, leaving a balance to be applied in reduction of the public debt. The estimates for the coming year will be laid before you at an early date.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate; Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

After the long protracted session of the last year, when so many important matters were dealt with, it is not probable that your duties will involve your being detained on the present occasion for any lengthened period. I commend, however, to your best consideration the subjects to which I have referred, and I invoke the Divine blessing on your deliberations.

The debate on the address has been adjourned until Monday.

SHERIFF GIVES STORY IN COURT

CASE AGAINST COOK OPENS THIS MORNING

Circumstances Leading Up to Charge Preferred Against Accused—Hearing Continued.

The case of George J. Cook, charged with the theft of harness under seizure, was commenced in the police court before Magistrate Hall this morning. The accused occupied a seat beside his counsel, J. P. Walls. Geo. Morphy acted for the sheriff. The defendant is further charged with stealing eleven books under seizure, and the information was amended to this effect. When the hearing opened the accused was given the opportunity of electing as to the manner of his trial. He decided to be tried summarily. The charge was then read to him, and he pleaded not guilty.

F. G. Richards, sheriff, was the first witness. He identified the warrant of execution in the action of Turner, Beeton & Co. vs. Geo. J. Cook, directing him to levy on the goods and chattels of the defendent. To satisfy a judgment of $47.61 and further charges making a total of $54.37. This warrant was received by him on March 2nd, at 1.30 p. m. In pursuance of the warrant he proceeded to the place of business of G. J. Cook, 86 Fort street, for the purpose of levying. This was about ten minutes to two. Just before he reached the place Cook appeared, riding rapidly on a bicycle. He passed witness, left his wheel inside the gate and entered by the store door. When witness arrived the accused had barred the store door, passed through the building, reappeared at the rear, and encountered witness at the gate as he came up.

Witness tried the front door of the store and found it locked. Cook inquired if he (the sheriff) wished to see him

Witness said: "Yes; come inside and I'll tell you what I want you for." Cook replied: "No; I know what you want. I've been told all about it. That's the reason I got here before you."

Witness then produced the warrant of execution, showed it to accused and told him what it was for, serving him at the same time with a notice from the magistrate of the court notifying him officially of the warrant. Witness again asked Cook to permit him to enter. The latter refused, and said his solicitor had so advised him. Witness then seized the bicycle stating at the same time that he seized it in the name of the whole of the goods and chattels. He warned Cook that all his goods and chattels were under seizure, and that he was not in any way to deal with or part with them until the execution was satisfied. The accused attempted to take the bicycle away from witness. He pulled witness with the wheel into the middle of the road. Witness told him that if he did not let go and if he took the bicycle from him (the sheriff) he would place Cook under arrest. The latter threatened to strike witness, who advised him not to do it.

Cook then threw the wheel to the road and left it in possession of the witness. He started for town with the remark that "he was going to consult his solicitor."

Witness again attempted to enter the premises and found all the doors securely fastened. He left his bailiff in charge with instructions and returned to his office. Witness went back to Cook's place about 5 o'clock in company with Mr. Morphy. When they arrived on the scene witness found Cook in the store and Frank Bone, of Hibben & Co., outside in front. The accused was gathering up some books, which he said he was going to return to Mr. Bone. Witness warned Cook against removing any of the goods or delivering them to any person. The latter said, however, he was determined to do it. Witness also notified Mr. Bone that everything belonging to Cook was under seizure, and that he could not deal with him in any way until the execution was satisfied. Cook then came out of the house, and witness again warned him. He went away and said he was going to consult his solicitor. He left with Mr. Bone a notice addressed to witness. Cook returned in half an hour's time. Witness tried to reason with him, told him he had better allow him (the sheriff) to enter, and that it would save him money. He again refused, saying that he was acting on the advice of his solicitor. Witness told him that he desired to look over the balance of the premises. He found a wagon and a horse in the stable with a set of harness on it. These were seized by witness, and Cook stated that the wagon and horse had belonged to him, but that he had sold them to a party living in one of the cabins in the premises. He said he owed this man money, and the latter had taken the wagon and horse as part payment.

Witness satisfied himself that there had been some transaction of this kind between them, and therefore released the wagon and horse from seizure.

Cook said the harness belonged to him. Witness and his bailiff then went to the stable where the horse was standing with harness on. He had the harness removed and taken to one of the cabins, a portion of which was used by Cook for storage purposes.

Witness asked Cook if he had anything else around, and was escorted to the back part of the cabin, where the accused pointed out a coal scales and a good-sized copper boiler, which he said

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RUSSIAN LOSSES ON YALU RIVER

REPORTED TO REACH TWO THOUSAND MEN

Another Skirmish Between Scouts Near Ping Yang—The Movements of Japanese Troops.

London, March 11.—Speculation regarding the military situation on the Yalu river is most keen, but no news of a reliable character has been received. The Nagasaki correspondent of the Daily Express says that 200,000 troops have been shipped from Japan, and that a portion of the second corps is now on its way to Korea. The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at Tokio evidently referring to the same news, cables that the transportation to Northern Korea of three divisions of Japanese troops has been completed, and that these men are beginning to advance while some divisions of the second army corps have already been mobilized.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that the Japanese, after Port Arthur is neutralized, probably will move two armies to the north simultaneously, one from the southern part of the Liao Tung peninsula, and the other from the Yalu river.

The Russians are now moving northward in Korea, this correspondent continues, with the intention of making Wiju their defensive base.

A correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, who was in Japan recently, wires from Seoul that the Japanese are making steady progress with their land movements. The roads are occupied by Japanese troops.

According to a Tientsin correspondent of the Standard the Russians are withdrawing all the superfluous troops from Port Arthur to Harbin and Kirin, because of the shortage of provisions, and because it is doubtful whether or not they would be able to hold either Port Arthur or Newchwang against a resolute attack. The spirit of the Russian troops, who are largely recruits, has been broken by starvation, cold and harsh treatment from their officers. The Russian losses on the Yalu are reported to reach a total of 2,000 men.

Cabling from Tokio, a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says the Jiji Shimpo has received a communication from Pekin declaring that Great Britain and the United States have protested against Russia sinking junks in the channel of the Liao river at Newchwang, on the ground that this prevents the egress of the warships of these powers from the river.

The Standard this morning publishes an article in which the writer points out the defenceless condition of the Amur river. Russia never profited from the experiences of the Boxer outbreak, it says, and she is short of gunboats on the river. It is probable that when the ice disappears the Japanese will send a fleet of armed gunboats into the river and make themselves felt along its entire length.

The Times publishes a dispatch from Tokio saying the ice on the Yalu river has begun to melt. Japanese scouts have encountered forty Cossacks, the correspondent continues, at Kazan, 58 miles north of Ping Yang, on the road to Wiju.

The Attack on Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, March 10.—The Czar has received the following message from Viceroy Alexieff, dated to-day at Mukden:

"The commandant of the fortress at Port Arthur reports that at about 1 o'clock this morning the outlines of vessels, apparently torpedo boats, were seen at sea within the area swept by our searchlights. Our batteries opened fire upon these vessels. Our torpedo boats put out to sea at 2.40 a.m., and about 4 o'clock met the enemy west of the Liao Tishin lighthouse. After firing several shots the enemy retired to the south in the direction of Shandui. Our torpedo boats returned to the harbor at 6 o'clock.

Later, the torpedo boats were again sent to sea to reconnoitre. They returned in half an hour, having learned that an enemy's squadron was approaching.

"At 8 o'clock the Japanese opened fire upon our cruisers and fortress. The enemy had fourteen ships, and fired the entire time from behind Liao Tishin.

"I have the honor to report the above to Your Majesty. (Signed) Alexieff."

Russia has served notice on China that the latter must not send troops beyond the great wall, and that she must exercise her influence to restrain the Chinese bandits, who are partially under the control of Chinese officers, from interfering with the railway and telegraph lines. A refusal to heed these warnings will be considered as a breach of neutrality.

The Novoe Sti declares Japan is beginning to lose her illusion regarding Anglo-American support, but still looks to China, forgetting that Chinese intervention would be the signal for the interference of European powers.

General Kouropatkin is busy preparing for his departure to the front on Saturday. To facilitate the working of the army machinery, upon Gen. Kouropatkin's recommendation important reforms will be enacted in the army administration, whereby much of the existing red tape will be abolished, and commanders in the field will be allowed more authority in matters that pertain to military operations.

Another Skirmish.

Tokio, March 10.—Russian and Japanese mounted scouts met south of Ping Yang yesterday. After a brief engagement the Russians retreated. No casualties are reported on either side.

It is believed in diplomatic circles here that Marquis Ito, who is to leave Tokio March 15th for Korea, will be able to allay the doubts and imagined dangers which are reported to be haunting the Korean Emperor, who has not yet published the text of the Japanese-Korean protocol in the official organ of Korea. The Japanese government expects to realize $5,000,000 by increased taxation. The Emperor and Empress have donated $6,000, and the Crown Prince and Crown Princess $1,250 for the relief of the widows and orphans of Japanese soldiers. The Japanese journals are rejoicing at the friendly tone observable in the American papers which have just been received in this country.

Information obtained from private sources is to the effect that the Japanese squadron has bombarded Vladivostock twice since March 6th.

Denial.

Vladivostock, March 10.—The acting chief of the staff to-day officially announced that the reports of a sea fight between the Russian and Japanese squadrons on Sunday last are absolutely unfounded. (The sea fight was supposed to have taken place Monday).

Military Train Derailed.

Tomsk, Western Siberia, March 10.—A military train bound for Irkutsk, Western Siberia, was derailed to-day. One person was killed and a number of others was injured.

Chinese Homeless.

Yin Kow, March 10.—The concentration of troops at the Russian strategical base has resulted in much suffering among the Chinese inhabitants, especially at Liao Yang, where even private buildings have been appropriated to accommodate the soldiers, and thousands of Chinese are consequently without homes. Russian troops are encamped at all essential points along the railroad.

They Might Disband.

Paris, March 10.—A report just received here through official channels describes the Chinese forces marching northward as being an undisciplined and almost grotesque military organization, showing an entire absence of equipment and training. As evidence of the unreliability of the forces, the following occurrence is cited: A body of Yuan-Shi-Kai's cavalry was paraded before the French and German military attaches. The former asked the commander why the cavalry remained in the towns and had no field manoeuvres. The Chinese general answered: 'Because many horse markets exist within the interior, and we know the cavalry men would sell their horses, disband and leave us without cavalry.'"

The report gives this as showing lack of reliability and unity of the Chinese forces.

Editors Warned.

Paris, March 11.—A correspondent of the Figaro in St. Petersburg writes that, as a result of the recent letters from King Edward to the Czar, in which His Majesty expressed in cordial terms his desire for peace, the editors of several papers in St. Petersburg were summoned to the office of the censor and ordered to moderate their anti-British tendencies. This correspondent also says that the Czar has requested the Emperor of Germany to communicate to him his personal criticism of military and naval events in the Far East, as the news of such occurrences is received.

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FRUSTRATED.

Attempt Made to Take Negro From Jail to Lynch Him.

St. Louis, Mo., March 10.—A special from Murphysboro, Ills., says: "Seventy-five Carbondale citizens attempted to take a negro from the jail here to-day to lynch him. The sheriff frustrated the plan, however, and arrested four prominent citizens. Deputy Jack Wood, warder, was injured in the attack."

DECLARED INSANE.

Woman Declared She Has Received Command to Kill Her Children.

Bangor, Me., March 10.—Maniacal proceedings are reported among the five hundred members of a so-called religious sect living in a colony on Beal's island, near Jonesport. One woman, who tried to kill her children after announcing at a revival that God had ordered her to make the sacrifice, has been adjudged insane and brought to the hospital here. Jonesport deputy sheriffs and citizens have gone to the island to calm the excitement.

Persons just returned from the scene assert that during the revival the woman who was brought to the hospital called out that the voice of God had told her that a certain dog must be killed. The animal was brought into the meeting house and slaughtered. Then she announced that she had received divine command that a cat in the village should be put out of the world. The execution was carried out, but when she arose a third time and declared she had been commanded to slay her baby a furious discussion was precipitated which broke up the meeting.

The authorities heard of the affair and seized the woman before she could carry out the "command." The islanders are now destroying their watches, jewelry and other articles of ornament.

FRENCH NAVAL SECRETS.

Non-Commissioned Officer in Custody Charged With Attempting to Sell Documents.

Paris, March 10.—In spite of official reticence and denials from the Japanese legation, it is again affirmed that a non-commissioned officer named Martin, who was employed in the ministry of marine and who is now under arrest, attempted to sell French naval secrets to a naval attache of the Japanese legation.

The discovery of this alleged attempt came as a result of the accidental opening of a letter addressed to a non-commissioned officer by a naval captain of the same name. This letter was from an intermediary, but it indicated the principals in the affair. It is alleged that several women are implicated, and that one of them has confessed. It appears now that only one document is missing from the ministry of marine, but it is possible that Martin photographed and replaced others. It is not likely that the information alleged to have been stolen got beyond the intermediary, and it is said that the Japanese naval attache, who is supposed to have been in indirect communication with Martin sailed for home on board one of the cruisers which Japan purchased from Argentina.

Prince Itchijo, who succeeded the Japanese naval attache who returned home, has informed the Petit Journal that Martin wrote him four days after his arrival in Paris, proposing a meeting to communicate important business. The Prince was indisposed and in reply wrote and asked Martin to state the nature of his business. Martin answered that he was unable to tell his business in a letter, and fixed another time and place for a meeting. This appointment the Prince kept, but Martin had been arrested, and therefore did not appear.

It is said that the documents accessible to Martin related to the possibility of joint naval action on the part of France and Russia.

ATTACKED THE PREMIER.

Lord Rosebery Resents Language Used by Mr. Balfour.

London, March 10.—An extraordinary scene disturbed the customary decorum of the House of Lords this evening. In a recent debate in the House of Commons Premier Balfour had used the word "calumny" with reference to some statement made by Lord Rosebery on the fiscal controversy.

When the House of Lords met to-day Lord Rosebery asked Lord Lansdowne, the foreign secretary, what justification existed for the Premier's use of such a word.

Lord Lansdowne admitted that the Premier had used the word in the heat of debate. He said he thought the circumstances justified some warmth on the part of the Premier, but that he had consulted with Mr. Balfour, who told him that he did not desire to impute to Lord Rosebery a deliberate attempt to misrepresent him.

After Lord Lansdowne had finished, Lord Rosebery again rose and, declaring the explanation had not been satisfactory, fiercely attacked the Premier, whom he accused of being too thin-skinned, adding, "People who live in glass houses should not throw stones. It is all very well to defend such language by saying it was due to the heat of debate and it was only a 'pretty Fanny's' way. If a man cannot curb his tongue better than that he is unfit to be the First Lord of the Treasury.

"I do not personally care a farthing what language Premier Balfour uses about me, and I only brought the matter before the House in order to point out that there are decencies of debate that should be used, even by those who occupy the highest positions."

As Lord Rosebery finished his tirade and sat down a painful silence ensued, and the Lords looked at each other uncomfortably. After a long pause Earl Spencer, the Liberal leader, rose and said he thought Lord Rosebery had not been fairly used, etc.

After an awkward silence, Lord Chancellor Halsbury asked whether Lord Rosebery had any motion to make. Lord Rosebery then moved an adjournment of the debate, an almost unparalleled motion in the House of Lords, but he did not press the motion to a division and the subject was dropped.

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MINING CASE.

F. A. Heinze and Two Superintendents Arraigned in Federal Court.

Butte, Montana, March 10.—F. August Heinze, president of the Montana Ore Purchasing Company; Superintendent Treleise, of the Rarus mine, and Superintendent Frank, of the Johnstown mine, all Heinze properties, were arraigned in the Federal court before Judge Knowles to-day in an effort to learn whether, as is charged by the Butte & Boston Company, the Heinze miners are stealing ore from the Michael mine. Judge Knowles decided that the order of inspection covered every part of the Rarus, but that the inspectors must confine their inspection actually to the purpose of their appointment.

MORMON INVESTIGATION.

Further Evidence Before the United States Senate Committee.

Washington, March 10.—One of the most interesting and important features of the investigation of the Senator Smoot case was brought out to-day in the testimony of E. B. Critichlow, formerly an assistant United States attorney in Utah, who told the story of the Moses Thatcher episode.

According to his version, which was borne out by official records, Thatcher persisted in the nomination of a candidate for the United States senate against the wishes of a quorum of the apostles. This story of the campaign, his final defeat and then submission to the will of the church was put in the records. This recantation showed Thatcher was broken in spirit and bowing absolutely to the mandates of the church in that the consent of an officers' quorum must be obtained in order that he may continue in good standing. The purpose of the testimony was to show that it was necessary, according to the rules of the church, for Reed Smoot to have obtained the consent of the church before he would become a candidate for the senate.

LOSSES REACH MILLIONS.

Enormous Havoc Wrought by Floods in Pennsylvania—Many Bridges Have Been Washed Away.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 10.—The Susquehanna river is receding rapidly. Half the streets are free of water, and people are returning to their homes. There is no indication, however, of any gorges having broken. At Plymouth the water has receded entirely from the main streets, and the situation is much better. Reports from up the river are that the flood is receding slowly. The banks of both sides of the river from Chickshinny to Sunbury, a distance of fifty miles, present a scene of desolation. Wrecked bridges, outbuildings, etc., are strewn everywhere. The new steel bridge at Catawasha is a total wreck. Not a single span remains.

The mines that were flooded are being pumped out, and some of them may be able to resume work to-morrow.

Investigation shows that the Pennsylvania & Lehigh and other railways are badly damaged along the line of the river, and it will be several days before transit can be resumed. There are washouts in many places, and bridges torn away by ice. Estimates of the amount of damage run from $1,000,000 to $2,500,000. The total damage in all towns between Pittsburg and Sunbury is estimated at $6,500,000.

THE WAGES OF MINERS.

Men Advised to Accept Reduction—Views of Officials.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 10.—The United Mine Workers' local unions in Indiana, Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, Illinois, Maryland, Central Pennsylvania, Michigan, Kentucky and West Virginia and Iowa that are to participate in the referendum vote Tuesday on the proposition of accepting a reduction of 5.55 per cent. in wages or closing the soft coal mines on April 1st, will receive their ballots to-morrow. With the ballots will be sent out the circular letter that the national convention authorized President Mitchell and other officials to issue, setting out their recommendations that the reduction be accepted. The letter says in part:

'No one who is familiar with the past history of the United Mine Workers of America will charge us with being afraid to strike if in our judgment a strike would accomplish beneficial results; but when it is proposed to strike on the issue of a single conflict, all that our organization has obtained for the mine workers in the past seven years by means of conciliation and arbitration and strikes, when the difference between us and our employers is but 3 cents per ton on a run of mine basis and 5 cents per ton on a lump coal basis, we believe it is time to stop and carefully consider the possible consequences."

The letter then reviews the concessions secured for the workers since 1897, including 75 per cent. increase in wages, and continues:

"It is conceded on all sides that the apex of industrial activity has been reached, and we are slowly moving towards an industrial depression. The operators came into the joint convention asking for a reduction of wages of 15 per cent. Their proposition was opposed by us with all the information and all the skill at our command. As an ultimatum from which they could not be moved they offered us a reduction from the present scale of prices of 5.55 per cent. We know how hard it is to be compelled to accept a reduction in wages, but it is better to accept a slightly lower rate and hold our organization intact ready to take advantage of any future movement than to bring on a disastrous strike."

"The experiences of the past have shown us conclusively the folly of striking when the markets are going down," says the letter. "We are now upon the even of a Presidential election, and these years are proverbially dark because of commercial disturbances which they produce. A two-year contract would carry us beyond the period of the election and the unsettled industrial condition that follow its wake. In addition to that it would cause our contracts to expire at the same time as the anthracite award, and place us then in a position to act with greater unity. When we consider that the price offered to us on a two-year contract is the highest price we have had for many years with the exception of the present, we repeat it would be the most serious mistake our organization has ever made to take the chances of losing the scale we are offered."

The letter closes with an earnest plea to accept the reduction.

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GALE ON COAST.

Damage to Shipping at San Francisco—Train Blown Off the Track.

San Francisco, March 10.—The worst rain and wind storm in thirteen years swept along the Pacific Coast to-day, doing much damage to shipping, railroads and buildings. The storm extended from San Diego to Vancouver Island, and it is feared that many marine disasters have occurred.

In this city this morning the barometer was the lowest recorded, and the wind registered a velocity of 48 miles an hour, while at Sacramento a gale of 64 miles an hour prevailed. Telegraph and telephone wires were prostrated, and for several hours this city was cut off from the outside world. A train of passenger cars at the Alameda mole was blown off the track, but no one was injured. The steeple of St. Paul's church was snapped off. A seven-story brick building was almost completely wrecked, and others were damaged.

Damage to the shipping of San Francisco bay will amount to many thousands of dollars. Reports from the interior show that the storm extended over practically the entire state.

The American schooner Ernest is ashore on Goat island.

ABE ATTELL WON.

Defeated Patsy Haley, of Buffalo, in Five Rounds.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 10.—In a one-sided contest that was to have gone 20 rounds, Abe Attell, of San Francisco, last night knocked out Patsy Haley, of Buffalo, in five rounds before the Whittington Athletic Club. The fight was Attell's from the start, but was clean throughout, Haley showing cleverness in the uneven match.

Corbett and Britt.

San Francisco, March 10.—"Young Corbett" and "Jimmy" Britt signed an agreement to-day for a new division of their share of the receipts for their fight on March 25th. According to the new articles, the winner is to receive 65 per cent. and the loser 35 per cent. Under the old agreement Britt was to get 50 per cent. if he won and 40 per cent. if he lost.

Police Stopped Fight.

Oakland, Cal., March 10.—The police stopped the fight between Billy Woods and "Cyclone" Kelley at the end of the fifth round, and the decision was given to Woods. Kelley was so badly punished that the police interfered.

BRYAN AND HEARST.

Report of Alliance With View to Dictating Democratic Presidential Nomination.

New York, March 10.—An alliance between Wm. J. Bryan and Wm. R. Hearst with the view of dictating the Democratic presidential nomination is said to be a certainty, says a dispatch to the World from Washington. In fact it is asserted by a man very close to Mr. Hearst himself that the present arrangement is that Mr. Bryan will present Mr. Hearst's name to the St. Louis convention. Among visitors at the White House, whose gossip is about the probable action of the Democratic convention, the name of Hearst is heard as often as the name of any other man, with the possible exception of Cleveland.

UNIVERSITY CLOSED.

Is Result of Threats of Disturbances Among Students at Vienna.

Vienna, March 10.—The University here has been closed in consequence of threats of disturbances among the students. The German students were much incensed at the demonstrations of the Czechs against their German comrades at Prague, Bohemia, and threatened retaliation.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Four Unidentified Men Perished in Fire Which Destroyed Box Car.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 10.—Four unidentified men were burned to death in a box car containing gasoline, which caught fire at a branch intersection, ten miles east of this city to-day. Two others barely escaped the fire, their bodies and clothing being badly burned.

The oldest bank note is in the British museum. It was printed in China in 1368, 92 years before the birth of Guttenberg, the reputed inventor of printing.

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PROPOSED RECLAMATION OF LAND AT THE PORT OF VICTORIA, B. C.

Notice is hereby given that, under and pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1886, Chapter 92, and the Statutes of Canada, 52 Victoria, Chapter 13, the undersigned by petition dated this day have applied to the Governor in Council for approval of the area plan and site and the reclamation of certain foreshore and submerged lands adjoining or abutting on Lots 2, 3, 4 and 6, Block "A," Harbor Estate, Victoria, B. C. A plan of the said proposed works and a description by metes and bounds of the foreshore and submerged lands to be reclaimed has been deposited with the Minister of Public Works, and duplicates thereof have been deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, B. C.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 11.—5 a. m.—The pressure is rising rapidly, and the storm area of yesterday is now central in Cariboo and snow is again falling at Barkerville; strong southerly gales continue on the outside Coast; heavy rain has fallen throughout the Pacific states. In the Northwest the weather continues chiefly fair and cold.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday.

Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh southerly winds, generally fair and not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland—Moderate to fresh winds, chiefly cloudy, with occasional rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.34; temperature, 42; minimum, 40; wind, 20 miles S. E.; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.36; temperature, 42; minimum, 42; wind, 20 miles S. E.; rain, .20; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.28; temperature, 38; minimum, 34; wind, calm; rain, .10; weather, fair.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.14; temperature, 14; minimum, 14; wind, calm; snow, .44; weather, snow.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 46; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles W.; rain, .80; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.64; temperature, 4; minimum, 2; wind, 16 miles N.W.; snow, .04; weather, fair.

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WOOD SAWING BY-LAW.

Ald. Vincent's Enactment Which Was Passed by Council Last Monday.

Ald. Vincent's wood sawing by-law, which was passed at last Monday's meeting of the city council, provides that no person shall saw, cut or split lumber, wood, cordwood or firewood upon any street or upon any public sidewalk within the limits of the city.

The former by-law defined the prohibited area so as to include just the business section of the city. The amending ordinance enlarges this area so as to be bounded by the municipal limits. It also slightly amends sections 53 and 54 of its predecessor, providing that neither the vendor nor the person employed in the delivery of wood, cordwood, firewood or coal, nor the purchaser, shall allow it to remain deposited upon any street in the city for a time longer than sufficient to enable the same to be delivered to the owner or occupier upon the premises for which it is intended, and in no case longer than 24 hours, and where in the scheduled limits not after the hour of 9 a. m. No person shall deposit wood, cordwood or firewood, or coal in any street of the city so as to cause obstruction to the ordinary traffic in such street. No person shall permit to remain upon any public sidewalk or street of the city any debris or pieces of dust of coal, or any chips of wood or other dust or rubbish caused by such deposit of coal or wood. The owner or occupier of every building or land fronting on any street within the city in front of whose premises coal or wood shall have been deposited for delivery, or the vendor of coal or wood, or the person employed by him to deliver same, shall immediately after such delivery cleanse or cause to be cleansed the sidewalk and street, and remove or cause to be removed therefrom all chips, bark, coal dust or other rubbish caused by such deposits.

The scheduled limits referred to in the preceding paragraph are as follows: Commencing at the foot of Johnson street, up Johnson street to Government street, thence along Government street to Pandora street; thence along Pandora street to Douglas street; thence along Douglas street to Yates street; thence along the north side of Yates street to Blanchard street; thence down the south side of Yates street to Douglas street; thence along Douglas street to Humboldt street; thence along Humboldt street, crossing Government street, to Wharf street; thence along Wharf street to the foot of Johnson street.

SAILS FOR FRANCE.

New York, March 10.—Phillippe Bunau-Varilla, who recently resigned as minister from Panama to the United States, sailed for Havre to-day on the steamer La Lorraine, accompanied by his family.

KILLED IN ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR

RESULTS OF ATTACK BY THE JAP SHIPS

Conditions Which Prevailed at Vladivostock When War Broke Out—Bank Subscriptions.

Mail advices received by the steamer Olympia from the Orient yesterday contain few new details of the early attacks made upon Port Arthur.

A Chefoo telegram published in Japanese papers states that as the result of the Port Arthur engagement on February 9th, over thirty Russian troops and more than one hundred and twenty Chinese coolies were killed, and many others were wounded. Many houses on the coast near the entrance to the harbor were destroyed. Owing to insufficient hospital accommodation, a miserable scene prevailed. Steamship service to Port Arthur has been entirely suspended since February 10th. Russia has been accelerating the repairs to the damaged war vessels, but it is difficult to execute the task.

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A Japanese refugee from Vladivostock says Russians and Chinese took advantage of the flight of the refugees and proceeded to plunder them in numerous instances. A certain merchant was robbed of watches and jewellery worth between three and four thousand yen by Russians, and had to fly for his life. The Russians perpetrated all sorts of outrages on Japanese with impunity. Hostility was also openly shown by the Russian authorities; for instance, when they learned that there were many Japanese on board the Afridi, the icebreakers were not allowed to precede the vessel, the object apparently being to delay her departure. The inconvenience caused to the Russians by the withdrawal of so many Japanese are manifold. Families have been deprived of their nurses and house servants and there is hardly a watchmaker, laundryman, blacksmith, carpenter, painter or hairdresser left. Tradespeople in many instances were not paid by their Russian customers, and even the Russian men-of-war refused to remunerate the Japanese laundrymen who had worked for them. Russians were acting in collusion with Chinese ruffians in committing plunder on Japanese men and women in broad daylight on the streets. The Russian police manifested no inclination to control the aggressors, but on the other hand seemed to give them every encouragement.

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Representatives of a number of banks belonging to the Tokio Bankers' Association have subscribed to the war loan bonds sums ranging from yen 3,000,000 to yen 10,000,000. The total amount subscribed by the Imperial household, banks, insurance and other companies, peers and millionaires reaches over 163,000,000 yen. When individual subscriptions are taken in account, says the Japan Times, the subscriptions to the war loan bonds will total two or three hundred million yen. The prospects indicate how ready the nation is to support the government in the prosecution of the war with Russia.

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An order of the Japanese navy department has been issued specifying what shall be regarded as contraband of war during the present hostilities. The order is as follows: 1. The following articles shall be treated as contraband of war when intended to pass through the country of the enemy or destined therefor, or when destined for the army or navy of the enemy: Arms, ammunition, explosives, and others materials inclusive of lead, saltpetre and sulphur, machines for their manufacture, cement, uniforms of the army and navy, war equipment, armor materials for building warships and other vessels and equipping vessels, and any other articles which are used for war purposes.

2. The following articles shall be treated as contraband of war only in case they are destined for the enemy's army or navy, or being consigned to the country of the enemy, can be considered as intended for the use of the enemy's army or navy: Provisions, liquors, horses or horse equipment, timber, currency, gold and silver bullion, fodder, waggons (sharyo) coal, and the material for the construction of telegraph and telephone lines and railways.

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TRIBES GATHERING AT BIG POTLATCH

CELEBRATION BEING HELD AT FORT RUPERT

Provincial Constable Tells of Baneful Influences on Indian Life—Quatsino News.

The Indian potlatch with all its ancient ceremonial is not a thing of the past. The barbarous customs of old are still practiced, and that, too, within a few days' sail from Victoria. The Indians congregate in large number; they borrow all the money and procure all the blankets possible at a rate of interest beyond all reason; they abandon all pursuits of labor and revel in the weird festivities so revolting to civilization.

A potlatch is now in progress at Fort Rupert, Quatsino Sound. Of this Constable B. W. Leeson gives an interesting description. He arrived on the noon train from Nanaimo on Wednesday, having brought to that city a prisoner named J. Costello, sentenced to six months' hard labor for supplying intoxicants to Indians. The constable and his prisoner tramped over the trail from Quatsino to Hardy Bay. Three feet of snow lay on the ground, and it took the party eight hours to walk ten miles. The journey was a most arduous one, and emphasizes the necessity, Mr. Leeson thinks, of a court at Quatsino. At Hardy Bay, William Hunt's sloop was secured, and the party started from Alert Bay, where the prisoner was to be given a hearing before the Indian agent. At Fort Rupert the sloop was storm bound for two days. With many new enterprises starting up at Quatsino Mr. Leeson is of opinion that there should be no occasion for such a difficult journey.

In regard to the potlatch Mr. Leeson says:

"There has been a great reunion of natives at Fort Rupert, the gathering being the largest seen at that point for years. It looks like the old Hudson Bay days. Nine tribes are to be represented—the Fla-wa-tsish, Turner Island; Ach-wa-mess, Westman Sound; Gna-wa-he-no, Wells Pass; Mam-a-lil-a-kwa, Village Island; Tsar-wa-te-no, Kingcombe Inlet; Ma-tal-puy, Turner Island; Tenock-ta, Harbledon Island; Nim-kish, Alert Bay; Clat-la-se-qua, Hope Island. The Noc-wa-tas, Cape Mudge, and Kosk-e-moes have yet to arrive.

"The wild orgies of the Ha-matse ceremony were in progress during my stay at Fort Rupert.

"Three different Ha-matsi were racing about the ranch at night. Ha-matse is a naked slave from the woods, with four or five others partially dressed to hold him in check. They race at full speed about the place and in and out of the homes. They carry native whistles and make an unearthly noise as they go about. There was no actual biting done owing possibly to my presence, but it was evident the old-time spirit was moving as strongly as ever. The poor missionary at Fort Rupert is a back number for the time being.

"The absurdity of the contention that there is no harm in the potlatch is well demonstrated. It has brought all these natives together and among them are a number of ambitious young chiefs who borrow at 100 per cent. all the money and blankets they can get. The return of two for one is the Indian 'uncle'—rate. It means the very essence of favoritism. Instead of giving to the poor, the spoils are handed over in large amounts to other chiefs. The wealth accumulated is converted into coppers called 'kla-qua.' These range in size, some as large as four feet in length, 18 inches wide, and a quarter of an inch thick. They are beat into a peculiar shape with an odd figure carved upon the face. Each has a name. The 'kla-qua' has its value, from $100 to $10,000 each. There are about five of ancient origin that are worth probably $40,000, according to Indian valuation.

"The potlatch is the real cause of the slow advancement of these tribes. People, including missionaries, knowing them, fully realize this, but the general public and the government do not.

"The young Indian wants to become a chief. He saves all his earnings, and gets along with his old shack; appearance and comforts do not appeal to him, and good clothes and a nice home don't make him a chief in the eyes of his tribe. He finally gets enough to give a potlatch or becomes possessed of one of these copper gods. His friends then gather around, sing a great song, Ha-matse appears for his benefit, and he is recognized a tyee. Perhaps he is given the name of some ancient warrior; possibly he may have one pair of pants, but such apparel is a small consideration.

"It is a pity the Canadian government, through the Indian department, cannot take a hand with the people that are endeavoring to better the condition of the natives. The simplest way would be to buy at the Indians' value the few largest kla-qua left. Deprived of these and with a strict enforcement of the law there need be no potlatch. This would accomplish more in one year than the missions and industrial schools do in twenty-five, and at less expense in the end. The buying of the few large 'kla-qua' would put the leaders of the tribes out of business, and render the task of stopping a future potlatch easy, as there would be no large interests involved. The gathering of many in one house and the camping of others on the beach as at present at Fort Rupert tends to demoralize them."

Mr. Leeson was shown specimens of composition, drawing, etc., done at the Industrial school, Alert Bay, that would do credit to any white child. The teacher, Mr. Corker, stated there was no question of the children's ability to acquire an education. The only trouble is to get their attendance, the potlatch being the primary cause. The teacher mentioned a case in point. He has at present three young men learning trades; one in particular is becoming an engineer. They have all gone to the potlatch at Fort Rupert, where the engineer will undoubtedly come under old influences. Through envy of others, etc., he may borrow all he can to give a potlatch to gain a certain standing in his tribe, and put in the remainder of his life striving to hold that position and paying his debts, according to Indian custom. The education he has acquired and the engineering will be gradually given up under this pressure, and he will return to the level of his older tribesmen. Mr. Leeson says the local Indian agent, Mr. De Beck, understands the conditions thoroughly, and is fully aware of the baneful results of these large gatherings. He would disperse them and send them back to their own ranches if the authorities would sustain him in doing so. One old resident in the district has studied the natives for years, and claims the conditions have reached such a crisis now that if four or five chiefs were taken out of the gathering and given six months each, the celebration would cease to exist. The same man says that many of the younger generation would welcome this step.

Mr. Leeson reports that the necessary $200,000 for pulp mill development has been raised, and a saw mill will soon be installed. West Houston and party are expected at Quatsino any day to decide on a site and to start men to work.

A Colorado expert with Mr. Holcomb arrived at Quatsino on the last steamer to look at the June group. Snow, however, lies nearly three feet on the June summit, something unknown for years at that end of the Island.

DRILL HALL CONCERT.

Provincial Championship Basketball the Attraction For To-Morrow Evening.

What promises to be the greatest game of basketball yet played in the drill hall, is the match between the Nanaimo five and the Victoria West players, which is to take place during the progress of the Regimental band concert to-morrow evening. This game is for the championship of British Columbia, and will be the only game played for provincial championship honors. Play will begin at 9.15 o'clock.

The following excellent musical programme will be rendered by the Regimental band, commencing at 8.30:

PART I.

Overture—Berlin as It Laughs and Cries ..... Conradi
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Caprice Elegant—Our Little Nestlings ..... Moses
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PART II.

Basketball—Nanaimo vs. Victoria West.
Song for Cornet—Beyond the Gates of Paradise ..... King
Sergt. W. V. North, Soloist.
Basketball—Second Half
Two-Step—The Dixie Girl ..... Lampe
God Save the King.

'PSYCHO," THE MYSTERY.

A Phenomenon That is Puzzling Victorians This Week.

Who or what is "Psycho"? That is the mystery a considerable proportion of Victoria is trying to solve. Sitting in the window of Fletcher Bros.' store, Government street, playing the "Simplex," the very latest piano attachment, the phenomenon has caused more local speculation and argument than the Russia-Japan war. Is "Psycho" a human being, or merely a perfect wax reproduction? If alive he is a marvel of self-control; if wax, there is a mechanical genius of the first magnitude somewhere on this mundane sphere. Yesterday afternoon and last evening crowds thronged the store and jostled around the window. "Psycho" entertained them with grand opera, inspiring classics and syncopated rag-time. The movements of the eyes, hands and feet are as natural as those of a human performer, but so absolutely expressionless and mechanical that the beholders are bewildered.

Devotees of chance are backing up their opinions with hard cash hazards. One observer last night saw vapor escaping from the nostrils at intervals, and swore that "Psycho" was humanly substantial. Another vowed that chemicals enabled "Psycho" to simulate breathing. The nearer the bystanders got the more mystified they became. "Look at his ear," remarked a lady, "it is just as natural as mine." An elderly married couple came along. "Well," broke in the wife, decisively, "that ain't no live man. He's made of wax."

"Get out," politely rejoined her life partner, "he's a 'uman bein.' Look at the air comin' out of his nostrils."

"And I tell you he's wax," repeated the wife dogmatically, "no live man could keep still so long without getin' thirsty."

"P'raps he's a teetotaller," mildly suggested the man, who felt he was getting the worst of it.

"How could he be with a color like that on his face," retorted the other with withering scorn. "I know he ain't real."

They passed along then, but the argument had not terminated. It is not unlikely that it wound up in a small domestic tempest.

For the remainder of the week "Psycho" will give two daily performances—from 3.30 to 5 p.m., and from 7.30 to 9 p.m. On Saturday night at 8.30 the identity of this strange artist will be disclosed. The piano used by "Psycho" is the celebrated Gerhard-Heintzman.

BALKAN SITUATION.

St. Petersburg, March 10.—A special dispatch to the Viedomosti paints the Balkan situation in dark colors. The correspondent declares that a collision between Bulgaria and Turkey may occur any day, and says the Sultan has refused to sign the draft of agreement submitted by M. Natchvitch, the Bulgarian diplomatic agent at Constantinople.

DISCOURAGED STOMACHS.—Could you wonder at the delicate organs of digestion refusing to be helped and comforted when day after day they are literally "drowned out" by strong tonics, bitters and hurtful nostrums. Common sense came into Medical Science when it evolved the tasty tablet dose and discovered a God-send to humanity in Dr. Von Stan's pineapple tablets formula. 35 cents. Sold by Jackson & C. and Hall & Co.—144.

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THE SESSION.

The opposition in the House of Commons will be in a very bitter mood during the session which has just opened. They feel in their bones that to oppose the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme will render the party very unpopular in ninety-nine out of a hundred of the constituencies. And yet to endorse the enterprise immediately after declaring in favor of the British preference would be tantamount to admitting that the government's policy in its essential features is the very best that can be devised in the interest of this young Dominion. We sympathize with Mr. Borden in his dilemma. He occupies one of the most difficult positions a leader was ever placed in.

As if in mockery of the rage of the opposition, the treasury is full to overflowing. Every month shows the receipts to be increasing. Prosperity attends each act of the government. Each year as it passes increases the confidence of the people of the country in the future. There has been nothing like the present state of affairs since confederation.

Both parties have entered the capital in the hope that the session will be a short one, devoted exclusively to business. But it is doubtful whether the temper of the opposition will permit of that. It feels that there is danger of a dissolution. An election at this time would not suit it at all. All its hopes were centred on the influence of Tarte in Quebec. The results of the bye-elections shattered the newest idol, and there is talk of his deposition and the reinstatement of the former leader, Mr. Monk.

It will be remembered that on the downfall of the short-lived Tupper government it was confidently predicted that the Liberals had won by a fluke. A year or two would reveal the incompetence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues and lead to the reinstatement of the party gifted with the "instinct of government." The Conservative leaders actually believed that the administration would fall to pieces in a short time and that its majority in the House would melt away before the warm blasts of Tory eloquence. They remained in that frame of mind for years.

Sir Charles Tupper trumpeted around the country in 1900 like a rogue elephant. He was going to "sweep the country from the Altantic to the Pacific." In company with all Tories of prominence he went down to defeat. The majority of the government was increased. The opposition is just beginning to realize the seriousness of its position. It feels that there is no limit to the time a government which makes so few mistakes as that of Sir Wilfrid Laurier may remain in power. The consequences of this feeling of despair will be revealed during the present session. The debates will be characterised by some acerbity. The leaders will be inclined to prolong the session as they did last year in the hope of staving off dissolution. On the other hand, the rank and file will protest that they cannot afford to spend so much time in wearisome and purposeless obstruction. There is a possibility that their desires may prevail, and that prorogation may be reached at a comparatively early date. The government programme is a short one. It will not be its fault if the session is prolonged beyond the time necessary for the transaction of pressing business.

IMPERIAL ANTAGONISMS.

British newspapers are engaged just now in paying handsome compliments to Sir William Vernon Harcourt, one of the last of the great parliamentarians, who has announced that he will not again seek a seat in the House of Commons. This leading Liberal has not of late taken a prominent part in the debates in the House. He has been referred to by the London Times as a parliamentary representative of larger days. There can be no doubt that this is literally true. It may be merely a passing spasm, a temporary submersion of the high ideals of former times, but it appears to be a fact that the House of Commons is dominated by a pessimistic spirit. The thing to be avoided at all hazards is the giving of offence. "If we extend a cordial hand to the colonies and invite them to become actual instead of merely nominal members of the Imperial household, what will France say, what will the thought of Germany be, what will the United States do?" Deprived of the counsel of the one strong and undaunted spirit in the House, the government has sneaked with uplifted, deprecatory hands, from one position of compromise to another, until it is impossible for anyone, Imperialist, Little Englander, or Imperial Rationalist, to say with certainty what its attitude to the colonies or to other nations is. As one speaker said in the House a few days ago, the colonies are flouted continually in parliament. Their alleged aspirations are alluded to in scornful tones. Their preferences in favor of British goods are regarded as a joke. Leaving out of the question entirely for the moment the thoughts of British statesmen, does any reasonable man with a passable understanding of human nature believe that the reports of such proceedings are not bound to exercise a deep influence upon colonial public opinion? The British House of Commons has surely fallen upon "smaller days" when a member of the ministry is compelled to rise in his place and beseech honorable members to show some regard for colonial public opinion. One colony after another has announced its purpose of following the Canadian lead and granting a preference to British goods. For some incomprehensible reason or other certain elements in the British House of Commons appear to regard such freewill offerings as out of place and embarrassing. We have no doubt that if they make their sentiments known to the offenders in set and formal terms it will be found possible to purge away the sin.

Let us hope the general election which appears to be imminent will result in the return of a sufficient number of "larger men" to counsel and coax the House of Commons back to a condition of sanity.

FRANCE, BRITAIN AND JAPAN.

The eagerness of the nations to secure possession of the military secrets of France is most extraordinary. The alleged purchase of information by Emperor William of Germany precipitated the proceedings against Dreyfus and led to the condemnation of the accused to exile on Devil's Island. The sentence was annulled after the nation had been restored to its right mind. The findings of the court are now being revised.

Now it is Japan that has been tampering with the honor of the military and purchasing secrets that should be locked forever in patriotic breasts. The action against Dreyfus in some respects presented to the world the aspect of a comedy, though there were tragic features introduced as the play proceeded. We are told that some in very high places are involved in the latest scandal.

The French are very jealous of their national and their personal honor. Offences against the first may be purged away by a theatrical burlesque on the field of honor. An alleged infringement of the code affecting the honor of the state cannot be disposed of so easily. There may be suicides before the national anger against the traitors who have been dealing with Japan is appeased.

But why should the Mikado's military men be so eager to obtain French state secrets? They have a job on hand at present that will tax their energies for a few months. Surely they are not looking for other worlds to conquer after they have disposed of Russia?

The Japs are undoubtedly an enterprising people, with vision that bores well into the future, but we can hardly credit the suggestion that they have designs on France. Has the fact that the rising eastern power is allied in an offensive and defensive pact with Great Britain anything to do with the latest agitation? The French and the British are at present on most cordial terms. The possibilities of a misunderstanding when the day of final judgment between Russia and Japan arrives are very remote. The governments of both nations are sincere in their desire to avoid a conflict. If the fates decree that the Muscovite shall confine himself within the comparatively barren regions of the far north, we doubt whether French statesmen would consider the possibility of setting aside a decision concurred in by Great Britain and the United States.

Still it must be confessed that the real crisis in this eastern affair will develop when the day arrives for fixing the status of Russia and Japan in Manchuria, Korea and the Pacific Coast. May we venture to hope that the French will retain their somewhat uncertain nervous equilibrium while the facts in connection with this latest sensational affair are being investigated?

The Dominion Parliament assembles with four new ministers and seven new members. They were all summoned before the Governor-General by a brand new Black Rod, who was formerly a newspaper man and earned his reward. This may be taken as a hint of the startling changes a year sometimes brings forth.

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Five millions of dollars in cash poured into the Dominion treasury from one scoop. And that treasury in the hands of the Grits! Is it any wonder the Tory heart is sore and the Tory hand in a state of muscular agitation?

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The war strength on paper of the army of Germany is 5,561,395 men; France, 5,076,996; Italy, 1,962,883; Austria, 1,763,970; Russia, 5,017,703; Great Britain, 1,034,281; Turkey, 1,168,870; Spain, 937,067; Belgium, 175,037; United States, 59,886. The navy of Great Britain contains 103,842 officers and men; Germany, 33,700; France, 45,326; Italy, 22,335; Russia, 39,306; Austria, 10,386; Spain, 7,304; Denmark, 1,870; Netherlands, 22,350; United States, 27,065. Russia will probably be satisfied if she can get a fraction of her five millions into action.

A RUSSIAN PROTEST.

To the Editor:—It may not be considered good taste to commence by complaining or protesting, but I consider it my duty to record a protest and a grievance. It has been my painful experience to find that a great deal of ignorance and prejudice prevails and pervades the average mind in dealing with Russian life and her government. Where Russia is concerned the press is equally prejudiced and unjust as the average mind of the Britisher or American. Genius manibus bulldosium, as Dorothy Dix would say.

Russian policy is generally consistent and continuous. It is the legitimate right of Russia to extend and acquire territory as it is Great Britain's. It has always been conterminous with her frontier. Frequently has Russian statesmen tried to arrest the natural and inevitable advance of her frontier, but it has been in vain. It is the natural forward movement of the people, which may be controlled but not absolutely restrained. Autocracy may be very distasteful to you, but it has been beneficial to Russia. It is admitted that is not suitable to Great Britain or her colonies. I am not quite sure from what I have heard during my short sojourn in Canada whether your so-called constitutional government is not sometimes despotic and subject to the whims and caprices of the "intelligent voter." You may adore it, but it is not so attractive to me. Russia has suffered by the policy that Great Britain has pursued towards her. Have you gained by it? I think not. To-day, instead of having millions of Slavs your friends, they look upon you with suspicion and distrust and your prestige has not increased.

To Russia has been given the cold North, the barren land and burning steppe. Our task is to civilize and govern the nomad, the barbarian and the fanatics of Central and Eastern Asia. Our annexations are often expensive and burdensome.

You may say that we fail to keep our promises and treaties. Does England keep them when she finds it expedient to break them? Who does recognize good faith? Only those nations who cannot do otherwise. By creating a buffer state you do not check the advance of Russia, the real obstacle to India is and always has been natural and not political.

The city of Constantine is not essential for a Turkish Empire. It should be in the possession of a Christian nation. I always regret that the Russian general did not occupy Constantinople by putting the order of the Tzar in his pocket and opening it after he had taken the city, in accordance with the suggestion that General Grant, of the U. S. A., made to a distinguished personage in Paris. "No power but the autocrat of all the Russias could have compelled our victorious army to halt at the gates of Constantinople." What think you of an Anglo-Russian alliance?

PAUL DE MILLOVITCH.

STUFFED GREATNESS.

Toronto Star.

After the death of an Evanston suicide who tried to pose as the largest man on earth, it was found that he wore about four suits of clothes and weighed but 112 pounds. There are politicians who strut around making just such pretentious claims who would be found as small if accurate measurements were taken of them.

EMERGENCY PARADE.

About 85 Per Cent. of Fifth Regiment Attended Last Night.

The attendance at the emergency parade of the Fifth Regiment, held last evening at the drill hall was exceedingly satisfactory. When the roll was called it was found that there were present about 85 per cent. of the total strength of the corps, which is most creditable when it is taken into consideration that orders for a parade were not issued until noon yesterday.

As was explained in these columns yesterday, the object of this parade was to ascertain how long it would take the regiment to get together in case of a sudden call to arms. Colonel Hall is, needless to say, gratified at the result. He expressed his satisfaction in a brief address to the men, complimenting Nos. 1, 5 and 6 companies upon their excellent showing.

It was the original intention to hold a "march out," but this was abandoned owing to the inclemency of the weather. The regiment was put through some battalion drill by the commanding officer, after which other officers took charge. As it was not a regular parade, the men were dismissed earlier than is usual. Following is the parade state:

No. 1 Company—Officers, 2; sergeants, 2; rank and file, 30; total, 34.

No. 2 Company—Sergeants, 3; rank and file, 16; total, 19.

No. 3 Company—Officers, 2; sergeants, 2; rank and file, 15; total, 19.

No. 4 Company—Officers, 1; sergeants, 1; rank and file, 20; total, 22.

No. 5 Company—Officers, 2; sergeants, 4; rank and file, 21; total, 27.

No. 6 Company—Officers, 1; sergeants, 3; rank and file, 17; total, 21.

Commanding Officer and Staff—Officers, 6; warrant officers, 2; sergeants, 3; total, 11. Bugle band, 13; band, 19. Grand total, 184.

A FARMER'S HANDY BOOK.

The Farmer's Handy Book for 1904, issued in connection with the Farming World, Toronto, has just reached us. The book is a neatly bound, attractive volume, containing 256 pages of reading matter. On every one of these pages something of vital interest to a farmer may be found, no matter what special branch of agriculture he may be pursuing. The sections devoted to the soil, dairying, live stock, poultry raising and the orchard, are particularly practical and interesting, and adapted to present requirements; every farmer should have this book for ready reference at all times. It is so well indexed that no time need be lost in looking for the information contained in the work.

The street tramways of the City of Mexico, which began only a few years ago as a few independent mule lines, now form one electric system with modern equipment. There are 190 miles of lines, and the service comprises 604 cars; 3,000 horse power is required to work the system.

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The new Spring Overcoats are sellers. Popular prices, $7.50, $10.00 and $12.50.

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Dressers and Stands, special prices, $16.50, $17.50, $19.50 and $22.50. Three-piece Bedroom Suites, $17.50, $22.50, $24.50.

Latest Offerings in New 1904 Dress Goods

'Twould be utterly impossible to improve on the offerings in Dress Goods to-day at the prices, no matter how hard we might try. The stock is, as usual, very extensive and all the new creations from abroad are shown.
50c. to $2.25 for Tailored Suitings in all the smart fashionable effects.
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Walking Suits of Charming Newness

A passing glance at them proclaims their absolute newness and freshness; and the Spring styles are bound to prove irresistible to every woman who sees them, and these Walking Suits form a collection that it pays to watch closely. Each day almost marks some new arrival, some added charm. Have a look at the collection shown at $25.00.

Spring House Cleaning

Get quotations for all kinds of Upholstering Work. Cosy Corners, Recovering Chairs, etc. All kinds of Drapery Work done at reasonable prices.

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We are showing a most attractive collection of New Silk Waists, full of little touches of newness and Springtime that women of taste will enjoy seeing—and possessing.
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City News in Brief.

—Good dry cordwood at Johns Bros., 259 Douglas street.

—Advancing. On Tuesday next, Western Medicine Company's shares will be raised from 10 to 15 cents.

—The regular weekly run of the Victoria Hunt Club will be held to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock, from Work Point.

—The W. C. T. U. met last evening at the residence of Mrs. Tennant. Mrs. McLaughton, the president, delivered an address, and several readings were given. Refreshments were served during the evening.

—The Psychic Research Society will meet in the Knights of Pythias hall, corner of Pandora and Douglas streets, this evening at 8 o'clock sharp. All are welcome.

—Have you tried Ramsay's Soda Biscuits? They are superior to Christie's, and a greater quantity. Sells for same price at Erskine's grocery. Order a trial tin for 30 cents. Telephone, 106.

—The death of Rev. Dr. Good, formerly pastor of the Baptist church, Nanaimo, took place at Innisfal, Alberta, on February 12th. He was sixty years of age, and was well known in this city. Mrs. Good and four children survive him.

—The Friendly Help Association will hold its annual meeting in the committee room of the city hall to-morrow afternoon at 2.30. Officers for the year will be elected, and the annual reports presented. The fullest attendance is therefore requested.

—Work has been commenced on the Bastion street plots preparatory to planting them with flowers in the spring. After being excavated the plots have been filled up with enriched soil, so that as soon as the season is far enough advanced the flowers may be planted.

—Fire, Life, Marine Accident Agency, The Liverpool and London & Globe (Fire) Insurance Company, The Travelers' Life & Accident Insurance Company, The St. Paul (Marine) Insurance Company Lloyd's Underwriters, London; Atlantic S. S. Tickets, Office Wellington coal. Hall, Hepel & Co., 100 Government street. Telephone call No. 83.

—The D[illegible] Hotel has installed in the office a b[illegible] and convenient desk cabinet. [illegible] manufactured by the Chicago [illegible] Supply Company, and is a model [illegible] ness. It is of marble and plate [illegible] with hand-painted advertisement [illegible] cabinet is also fitted with electric [illegible] fixtures so as to provide for [illegible] installation of three lights above [illegible]

—Dr. Anita McGee and nine trained nurses who are going out to Japan to serve in the army hospitals during the war are delayed in Seattle. They arrived in that city too late to take the Iyo Maru. It is not known whether they will wait in Seattle two weeks for another steamship of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, go to Vancouver to catch one of the Empress boats or to San Francisco for the Pacific Mail.

—Yesterday it was more or less freely rumored that a large quantity of supplies, consisting of arms and accoutrements for troops at Work Point had arrived. Lieut.-Col. English, the officer commanding the Imperial forces on this station, last evening gave the report a flat contradiction. He said that the only consignment of "supplies" received comprised clothing for the company which accompanied him to this point some time ago. The men's wardrobes have been uncomfortably limited, and the shipment referred to comes at an opportune time.

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—A. U. Davis, one of Victoria's new residents, yesterday purchased Mr. Marshall's cottage on Pandora avenue. It is understood the sale was effected by Messrs. Grant & Conyers.

—Don't let your life pass without trying to better your position. The time is ripe. The way to act is to take a course in the International Correspondence school. T. W. Martindale, P. O. box, 249, city.

—The funeral took place yesterday afternoon of Claudine Marguerite, the infant daughter of A. J. and Mrs. Morris, of Stanley avenue. Services were conducted at the house and the grave by Rev. E. G. Miller.

—The Victoria Amateur Orchestral Society held its regular quarterly practice last evening. There were a number of members of the Musicians' Union present. The Society will likely give its first concert shortly after Easter.

—Another Big Auction.—Wm. T. Hardaker will hold another sale of valuable furniture at his salerooms, 77-79 Douglas street, to-morrow. This sale is composed of a very fine class of goods, which are in keeping with the articles he has sold at previous sales this year.

—We makes homes cosy because its our business to do so! There is a time of year when there exists a desire in every home-loving woman to freshen the surroundings. Let us show you what we can do for you in this direction. Weiler Bros., complete house furnishers, Government street.

—The Richard III. mine at Mount Sicker is now getting twenty tons of ore a day down from its mine to the Crofton smelter. As soon as the snow leaves this may be increased. C. H. Dickie, ex-M. P. P., of Duncans, who was in the city yesterday, says that from the 20 tons a day shipment there is a profit of $200 a day to the company.

—The proposal of the trades and labor council to raise the sum of $125 for the purpose of furnishing one of the wards in connection with the new Strathcona wing is being responded to enthusiastically by the different unions. Already $30 has been contributed, and it is expected, that, as the regular meeting of other unions are held, the fund will be augmented.

—There has recently been introduced in this city a line of medicines known as the Apex Remedies, a list of which appears in our advertising columns. These remedies possess a unique superiority over the ordinary and largely advertised patent medicines, in that the formulae, according to which the Apex Remedies are manufactured, have been selected by a committee of expert chemists, whose scientific knowledge and large experience qualify them to be competent judges of the most efficient medicinal principles to be used in treating the various diseases for which these remedies are intended. In addition to this the formulae are known to and endorsed by every druggist whose name appears under the advertisement. As a consequence of these facts, the public is assured that in using the Apex Remedies full advantage is being taken of the benefit of expert knowledge and experience, which is more than can be said in connection with the use of the vast majority of the patent medicines at present on the market.

—When the opera-goers who will attend the performance of Verdi's immortal "Il Trovatore," by the Rose Cecilia Shay Opera Company to-night at the Victoria theatre, catch a first glimpse at the gypsy mother, Azucena, in the second act, they will have to look twice in order to assure themselves that they have selected the correct individual. From the first time the opera was presented in this country, lovers of Verdi have been accustomed to see the singers cast for this part made up as ugly, fearful old witches, like Scott's "Meg Merrilees." Miss Shay's presentation of the character to-night will picture the ill-fated gypsy-mother in a new phase. Instead of making her a horrible hag, Miss Shay portrays her as a beautiful woman of middle-age. Her authority for this interpretation is the elder Leoni, the famous voice teacher, who was the bosom friend of Giuseppe Verdi. Leoni claims that Verdi intended Azucena to be a most beautiful woman. The great pedagogue has taught all his pupils to play the part in this fashion. Signor Martini, in his day the greatest Italian tenor, who sang Manrico in the companies under Verdi's personal direction, and who is now director of the opera in Milan, coincides with this view, and insists upon performers portraying the character in this light whenever the opera is produced under his supervision. A matinee performance will be given to-morrow afternoon when "The Bohemian Girl" will be presented.

—In Chambers this morning an application was made for the granting of letters of administration for the estate of the late Capt. Livingston Thompson. The application was granted.

—Finest large juicy prunes in 25c. boxes, new evaported peaches and apricots, and all seasonable supplies at suitable selling sizes at Erskine's grocery. Telephone, 106. Corner Johnson and Quadra streets.

—A. Maxwell Muir, the architect, is inviting tenders for the erection of a frame cottage on Admiral road, Esquimalt. Tenders must be in before Wednesday, March 16th, at 12 o'clock. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

—On Monday evening next at the Victoria theatre a grand benefit concert will be given under the auspices of the Sons of England in aid of Bro. Fred Peatt. The best local talent has been secured, and an excellent programme will therefore be presented.

—On Sunday evening Rev. Dr. Campbell will continue his series of sermons on the "Church and State" at the First Presbyterian church. The next discourse promises to be of exceptional interest, the subject being "The Relation of the State to Religious Instruction in Public Schools; Should the Bible Be Introduced in the School by Law of State."

—"Some excellent samples of British Columbia apples have reached this country of late in the form of small trial shipments," says the Fruit Grower of London, England, in the issue of February 11th. "One lot was disposed of at Liverpool, one at Glasgow, and finally one came to London. The two former shipments (private speculations) realized very satisfactory prices. We have had samples of the fruits sent us, and these were of excellent quality and in sound condition. We shall deal further with this subject in an early issue."

—It is a remarkable fact that during the whole history of The Mutual Life of Canada, from its organization in the year 1869 up to the present year, the interest earnings alone exceed the amount paid for death claims by many thousands of dollars. When it is remembered that in this old reliable company the policyholders—and they alone—receive all the profits, it will readily be seen how great are the advantages in securing a policy in a company with such a record as The Mutual Life of Canada. R. L. Drury, Manager, 34 Broad street.

—Application for probate of the will of the late Edward Martin, K. C., of Hamilton, Ont., has been made by the two sons, executors, Messrs. Kirwan and D'Arcy Martin. The estate is valued at $269,640.24, and consists of money secured by mortgages, $82,700.21; bank and other stocks, $63,716.75; other personal property, $15,587.53; real estate, $107,635.75. The widow receives an annuity of $3,500; together with a life state in Ballinahinch, the residence, which is to be for her use free of taxes and repairs. The balance of the estate goes to the eight children in equal shares. Two sons, Mr. Justice Martin and Alexis Martin and one daughter, Mrs. A. P. Luxton, reside in this city.

—The regular monthly meeting of the city board of health, which consists of the Mayor and aldermen, was held last evening. A number of matters coming under their purview were discussed, including the question of admitting provincial patients to the isolation hospital. It was decided that a guarantee of payment will have to be made by the government before these patients are admitted in the future. After this meeting the council sat as the streets, bridges and sewers committee. The principal matter dealt with by the committee was the impasse in Spring Ridge between the corporation and S. T. Styles regarding the right-of-way to the lot recently acquired by the city for obtaining gravel with which to complete the James Bay causeway. The difficulty has been bridged over, and the work will now be proceeded with.

—Preparations are being made at the Yreka Copper Company's property at Quatsino for the shipment of ore to the Crofton smelter as soon as the season is sufficiently well advanced. This information was given a Times representative by A. F. Gwin, who recently returned from a visit to various properties on the Coast. He says that Messrs. Breen and Bellinger, who have a contract for the shipment of 100,000 tons to the smelter this summer, have been doing considerable development work. A tunnel has been constructed in order that the ore may be more easily reached. There was not a great deal of ore on the dump, but things would be ready, as soon as the snow was gone, for the transport of ore in large quantities from the mine to the water. Mr. Gwin expressed the opinion that Messrs. Breen and Bellinger would charter a special boat to carry the ore to the smelter.

—A short memorial service will be held to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock at Christ Church cathedral for the late Archbishop of Rupert's Land, whose funeral will take place at Winnipeg to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

—In consequence of the Easter law vacation interfering with the date fixed for the sitting of the Full court in Vancouver, a change of date has been decided on. Instead of the court sitting on April 5th, as at first fixed, it will meet on April 11th.

—Yesterday evening at the First Presbyterian church the wedding of Mr. Edward Garrison Rouse and Miss Minnie Wilmot was celebrated. The ceremony, which took place at 6 o'clock, was performed by Rev. Dr. Campbell. Mr. S. S. Cannanton supported the groom and Miss P. Cannanton acted as bridesmaid. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rouse belong to Seattle and intend returning after spending their honeymoon in Victoria.

—One of the closest matches of the shuffle tournament in connection with the Y. M. C. A. was played last evening. It was between J. Middleton and Hosking and Whyte and Lorimer. The former couple won after some most exciting play. In the first test Middleton and Hosking won out by five points, the score being 21-15, but in the second they were beaten by 10 points, the score being 10-20. The decisive struggle, however, resulted in a second win for Middleton and Hosking by a score of 21-13. One more of the semi-finals remains to be played. The finals will be arranged for as soon as possible.

—Members of the Victoria Gun Club will hold their first shoot for the association's trophy on April the 10th, at Langford Plains. The cup is at present held by W. H. Adams, who won it at the close of last season, making the creditable score of 24 out of a possible 30. Two of these cup shoots are held annually, one early in the spring and the other late in the fall. Some of the members are practicing in order to get in shape to capture the coveted cup from Mr. Adams. Keen competition is therefore expected. The club's traps are in first class condition.

—Indications are that the forthcoming Victoria kennel show will attract more entries than on any previous occasion. The bonus offered by the association to all handlers bringing over a string of ten or more canines is resulting in an increased interest all along the coast. Last year only one fancier entered dogs from Seattle, but next month there will be two, and perhaps three, representatives from that city. An article published recently by the Portland Oregonian says that at least twenty dogs will be sent from there. Among these will probably be Dr. J. C. Zan's Great Dane and two Bostons; Frank Watkins's two prize-winning bull terriers; U. Grant Scott's Japanese terriers; Charles Doty's bull terrier; Jeff Nye's English setter Dude Nye; T. E. Daniel's pointer Minnesota Joe; Frank J. Moore's pointer Woolton Band of Salem, and Dr. Steiner's Irish setter. Secretary McConnell would like all local entries in as soon as possible.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. A. McKeown has returned from a visit to her brother who is the proprietor of an extensive firm in Southern California. On her return she was accompanied from San Francisco by her daughter, Mrs. Hurst, who has come North on a visit.

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J. P. Blank, of St. Louis; J. G. Keir, of Winnipeg; F. H. Nelson, of Chicago; J. P. Dillon, of Seattle; Geo. E. Waite, of San Francisco; and F. W. Romesepll, of Vancouver, are at the Driard.

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R. K. Walker, of London, England; H. Polson, of New York; and R. A. Jamieson, of Stratford, are in the city. They are among the guests at the Vernon hotel.

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R. Gibbs, of Duncans; C. Hopkins, of Fairmont, West Virginia; E. A. Crow, of London, Ont.; and H. A. Bull, of Heriot Bay, are registered at the Dominion.

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P. J. Ramos and wife, of Philadelphia, are spending a few days in the city. While here they will be guests at the Dominion hotel.

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N. S. Clarke, of the Yreka Mining Company, returned yesterday from the Sound by the steamer Princess Beatrice.

H. L. Beresford, of London, Eng., arrived by the steamer Charmer this morning and is registered at the Driard.

Geo. Cudhie, of Sidney, and O. K. Mollison, of Toronto, are among those staying at the Victoria hotel.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow and Mrs. Tatlow arrived from the Mainland by the steamer Charmer to-day.

Organizer Baker, the Canadian representative of the Western Federation of Miners, is in the city.

W. W. B. McInnes, of Nanaimo, arrived in the city to-day at noon.

H. L. Jenkins, of Minneapolis, is a guest at the Driard.

A. L. Belyea was among the passengers from Vancouver this morning by the steamer Charmer.

J. W. Young came over from Vancouver this morning.

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35c Men's Cashmere Hose for 25c
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REGULAR PRACTICE TO-MORROW.

Victoria Hockey Club will hold their regular practice to-morrow at the usual time. All players are requested to turn out so that the team will be in good shape for the two matches with the Barracks.

LACROSSE.

THE VICTORIA CLUB.

In a letter published in these columns on Wednesday, one who is in close touch with the Victoria Lacrosse Club pointed out that without assistance it would be useless to attempt the organization of a successful local twelve this year. The writer contended that as long as there is such a deplorable lack of enthusiasm the Victoria team will be found at the bottom of the league. The usfulness of a first-class team as an advertising medium was also enlarged upon. A suggestion was made that several good players be induced to take up their residence here and become members of the local twelve. The difficulty of obtaining leave of absence on Saturday afternoon was also mentioned as being detrimental to the success of every team.

At present the Victoria association is not in a position to undertake carrying out the suggestions outlined, and solicit the support of the general public in the endeavor to build up a team this season that would be sufficiently strong to carry off the provincial championship. The hope is expressed by members of the local club that the Tourist Association will see its way to lend a hand in getting together an exceptionally fast aggregation.

Yesterday H. Cuthbert, secretary of the Tourist Association, expressed the opinion that the executive of that organization would do everything in its power to assist the local team. He could not see at the present time in what particular way they could help the club, but promised that the matter would be brought to the attention of the executive. He agreed with the contention of members of the club that a winning twelve was an excellent advertisement to a city. Something might be done, he said, in the way of inducing outside players to come here by finding them positions. He thought that any proposal calculated to insure more widespread advertising of the city would be considered favorably by the Tourist Association.

BASKETBALL.

J. B. A. A. v. VANCOUVER.

This evening the James Bay Athletic Association five will leave for Vancouver in order to play the Sixth Regiment team to-morrow night. The game is the last of the inter-city league series and is expected to be closely contested.

Unfortunately Frank Smith will be unable to accompany the local team, which will be considerably weakened on that account. His position at centre will, however, be occupied by K. Hughes, whose reputation as a football and basketball player is well known. The line up of the team will be as follows: Guards, Pettingell and Finlaison; centre, Hughes; forwards, Belyea and Peden.

FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

To-morrow evening at the drill hall a match will be played between the Victoria West and Nanaimo teams. The game will decide the provincial championship, and local enthusiasts predict that it will prove the most keenly contested game seen here this season.

The opinion is generally expressed that the local five will win with comparative ease, as they apparently had no difficulty in defeating the Coal City players in their own hall last Friday. Those who saw the game referred to, however, are not quite as confident.

Since to-morrow night's match was arranged the Nanaimo boys have been training hard. As they are the same who carried off the championship so easily last year the result is very uncertain. Needless to say they will do their best to capture the coveted trophy.

As for Victoria West champions they are sure of winning. In spite of this confidence, they are practicing regularly, and if hard pressed may be depended to put up the fastest kind of play witnessed here for several years.

Both teams have agreed to abide by the result of the match. Before the game at the Coal City on Friday last it was decided at a meeting of representatives of the two aggregations that, if the V. W. A. A. boys won the contest, there, the deciding game of the league would be played in this city.

Play will commence at 9.15 o'clock promptly.

Following is the V. W. A. A. team: Guards, Montelth and Crocker; centre, Baker; forwards, C. Fairall and W. Fairall.

PRACTICE GAME.

Last evening at the Young Men's Christian Association annex hall, corner of Broad and Pandora streets, a practice match was played between the J. B. A. A. and Y. M. C. A. teams, resulting in a win for the former by a score of 20 points to 16. Play was fast and close from the start, the score being even up to within the last few minutes. Just before time was called the Bays managed to place the ball in the basket twice in rapid succession, winning the game by four points.

V. W. A. A. v. LADYSMITH.

Arrangements have been made for a game to be played between Victoria West and Ladysmith teams in this city on the 26th at the drill hall.

SERIES OF GAMES.

It is probable that a series of matches for the championship of the Pacific Coast will be arranged before the close of the season.

BASEBALL.

FAST LOCAL NINE.

Preparations for the organization of an exceptionally fast local nine are proceeding apace. Although officials of the Victoria Baseball Club have not been saying a great deal they have been working energetically. A canvassing committee has already visited a number of prominent business men and asked for financial assistance. Almost everyone expressed anxiety to see the game carried on during the ensuing season and little difficulty was experienced in securing a guarantee of between $400 and $500, which will be taken advantage of only if the club at the close of the season finds itself without sufficient funds to pay all expenses.

Having thus placed the finances on a satisfactory basis, no time was lost in looking after the personnel of the team. Up to the present the nine that will represent Victoria this season has not been definitely decided upon. It may safely be said, however, that it will be composed of about five or six local players with three or four outside men. Among the latter will be a pitcher, catcher and third baseman.

The services of H. Chase have been secured again this year. All fans will remember his star playing last year as catcher, short stop, third base or in the field. Since leaving here last fall, it is stated that Chase has developed into a first-class pitcher, and it will probably be in that position that he will figure on the Victoria nine during the ensuing season.

Victoria's second twirler will be W. Blackburn, who showed up so well in the final games played last fall. He has been practicing regularly and is much improved, showing greater speed with just as much curve. E. Emerson, it is stated, will not play with the local team this year.

Negotiations are in progress for a splendid catcher and third baseman, but nothing has yet been settled. As already stated, the Victoria club intends using every endeavor to make the ensuing season an unqualified success.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

GARRISON v. COLUMBIA.

At the Caledonia grounds to-morrow afternoon a match will be played between the Columbia and Garrison teams. It will be the third of the scheduled games of the provincial league series and the result is of considerable importance to both elevens. If the soldiers are victorious it will give them an advantage that will be difficult for either the Victoria or Columbia teams to overcome. As the league stands now the Garrison team is one point in the lead, and in the event of their winning to-morrow it will put them three points ahead of any of the other contesting teams.

Both teams may therefore be depended upon to do their best to win. On the last occasion they met the soldiers won by a margin of 3 points. The civilians, however, are determined not to allow this again, and, as they have a much stronger aggregation, there is every reason to believe they will be successful in holding down their opponents. Play will commence at three o'clock sharp, and all players are requested to be on the field shortly before that time. The respective teams follow:

Garrison—Goal, Warrall; full backs, Mitchell and Williams; half backs, Price, Davis and Paley; forwards, Grimes, Phillips, Harrison, Clinch and Matthews.

Columbia—Goal, Ed. Whyte; full backs, Johnson and Sabister; half backs, Rutherford, Wynn and Mackinaw; forwards, Cornwall, Berkeley, Hooper, Okell and Moore.

LAWN TENNIS.

CLUB OFFICERS.

Officers elected for the ensuing season at the adjourned annual meeting of the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club follow: Hon. president, Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere; president, E. V. Bodwell, K. C.; vice-president, G. H. Barnard; hon. secy.-treas., Alexis Martin; executive, D. M. Rogers, P. W. Keefer, A. T. Goward.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

AGAIN POSTPONED.

The final league match between the Victoria and Nanaimo fifteens, which was announced to be played this Saturday at the Coal City, will not take place. Although strong efforts were made to get together a fairly representative team the only fifteen that could be secured was one composed of one senior, eight intermediates and a few of the navy men. This being the case it was decided that it would be impractical to send such an aggregation to compete with Nanaimo's team.

There is every probability that this game will not be played at all this season. This means that the projected match between the combined Victoria and Nanaimo and the Vancouver fifteens will also have to be declared off. It seems almost impossible to get together the local players at this time of the year.

Frank Summers, a blacksmith, 45 years old, was found dead beside his mother's grave at Union cemetery, Alexandria, Va., Thursday. His face and a portion of his neck had been badly mutilated by dogs. Suicide is suspected.

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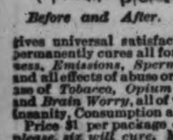

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PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

Vancouver Branch of Provincial Mining Association Elects Officers For the Year.

The Vancouver branch of the Provincial Mining Association has ben reorganized and permanent officers elected. The News-Advertiser in referring to the meeting says: "The Vancouver branch of the Provincial Mining Association was put upon a permanent footing at the largely attended meeting held on Wednesday evening. The branch was reorganized at a meeting held just previous to the provincial convention, with provisional officers, and on Wednesday evening a permanent board was elected. The meeting was very representative. Colin F. Jackson, provisional president, was in the chair, and in his introductory remarks briefly referred to the recent convention held in Victoria as demonstrating that the Provincial Mining Association had come to stay and would do a great deal of good work."

The following officers were appointed: President, C. F. Jackson; first vice-president, C. W. McMeeken; second vice-president, J. Findley; secretaries, Messrs. George Sheldon-Williams and J. Smith; treasurer, Campbell Sweeney; executive committee, H. T. Lockyer, W. H. Malkin, E. P. Gilman, W. D. Haywood, Charles Law, George A. Walkem, R. P. McLennan, J. Y. McAdam, W. D. Ross, E. J. O'Sullivan, F. E. Woodside and Frank Richards.

Enthusiastic addresses were delivered by several who were present upon the mining resources of the province, and particularly those parts tributary to Vancouver city.

NORTHERN SUICIDE.

Man Found Frozen Stiff With Revolver In Hand—Wolves Appear on Trail.

A Dawson dispatch says: "The body of a suicide, frozen as solid as marble, clenching in his icy hand the revolver with which he killed himself, has been found near Fort Yukon. The weapon with which he committed the act was held so tightly in the hand that it could not be recovered without destroying the hand, so man and gun were buried beneath the snow just as found. His name and past home are unknown."

The upper Stewart country, according to advices from that region, is alive with timber wolves this winter. They roam in bands of scores in the more remote parts of the country. Near Fraser Falls as many as 100 in a single pack have been seen. This side of Fraser Falls and in the Dawson district they are numerous, and often follow travellers, but not in such great numbers. Several traders on the Dawson-Duncan trail have encountered wolves of late, and had strange experiences with them.

The steamer Lightning, at Washington creek, below Eagle, may be crushed in the ice this spring at the time of the break-up, unless extricated during the winter and placed on the bank. She has a heavy list and is against a deep-cut bank. The Lightning belongs to Tom O'Brien and others, of Dawson.

It is reported that four or five steamers and several scows are between Eagle and Fort Yukon laden with freight for Dawson. Nearly all the freight on these vessels is such that is non-perishable.

MILITARY MATTERS.

Events of the Present Week in Regimental Circles.

Members of the Fifth Regiment are requested to take note of the following programme for the week, which will be published from day to day with the elimination of the various events as they occur:

Friday.

1. Gallery practice; 2. Band practice.

Saturday.

Band concert.

Mrs. Sherman Dye, accused of mailing to Miss Rena Nelson, of Pierre, South Dakota, the box of poisoned candy which caused Miss Nelson's death, was released from custody at Boone, Ia., on Wednesday, Judge Whitaker acting in accordance with the decision of Governor Cummins that the laws of Iowo did not make it possible to extradite Mrs. Dye. Mrs. Dye says she is desirous of being cleared of the charge against her, and intimates that she may go to South Dakota to stand trial.

S. P. Calloway, president of the American Locomotive Company, and A. J. Pitkin and H. C. Heguenberg, of the Schenectady works of the company, spent Tuesday in Montreal inspecting the works now nearing completion of the Locomotive and Machine Works Company of Montreal, Limited. It is understood that a deal has been practically completed by which the American Locomotive Company purchases the Montreal Company, payment being made partly in cash and partly in stock.

Joy, because of the return home of her son, caused the death of Mrs. Springsteen of Binghampton, N. Y., Thursday evening. On Thursday evening her son, William Springsteen, returned home from Toronto. His mother had not seen him for two years, and was greatly excited by the pleasure of seeing him. In the morning she was found dead in bed, heart disease resulting from her excitement.

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Victoria	9.00	12.06	Victoria	3.00	7.00
Shawnigan Lake	10.20	10.46	Shawnigan Lake	4.20	5.40
Duncans	11.00	10.02	Duncans	5.00	5.00
Ladysmith	11.57	9.10	Ladysmith	6.05	4.00
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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

ROSSLAND.

Murdoch McLeod, boss ropeman at the Rossland Power Company's concentrator building, fell 25 feet on Thursday and died 12 hours later of internal hemorrhage. Deceased was 28 years old and a native of Cape Breton. The coroner's jury gave a verdict of accidental death.

NELSON.

The district convention of the Western Federation of Miners, which has been in session here, adjourned on Thursday. Officers were elected as follows: President, E. Wills, Greenwood; vice-president, Frank Phillips, Nelson; secretary-treasurer, A. Shilland, Sandon. Resolutions were adopted denouncing the report of the royal commission of labor conditions in British Columbia, and in favor of supporting Socialist candidates for the House of Commons.

The legislative council of the Lead Miners' Association met on Thursday and appointed John A. Retallick and George D. Porter a committee to confer with the smelter men and the owners of the St. Eugene mine concerning the resolution passed at the association meeting, and the proposition respecting the exporting of ore by the mining company mentioned. This resolution was: 'That the association do hereby endorse the proposal of the low-grade lead miners whereby the government is to be requested to extend the amount of ore to be exported and smelted abroad, provided that such extension shall not prejudice the payment of the full bounty on ores smelted in Canada. Provided further, that lead ores sold and smelted in Canada during the period of such extension of the bounty, the maximum freight and treatment shall not exceed 15 per cent. per ton, a scale now in force. That the marketing charge shall not exceed $20 per 2,000 pounds of lead, as at present, and that the limit on zinc shall not decrease from 10 per cent., and the penalty on the excess shall not exceed 50 cents per unit, and that the legislative council be and are hereby authorized to confer with the smelter men and aid producers of low-grade ore in sharing their co-operation, with full power to act for the association as a whole." The committee held prolonged conferences with J. J. Campbell, of the Hall mines smelter, and D. W. Moore, of the Trail smelter, and the result was satisfactory to all concerned, but Manager Aldridge said no definite information would be given out.

VANCOUVER.

About 6 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon J. Ibbotson was walking along Cordova street by the Elite hotel, when he fell down in a fainting fit, and was carried inside. Drs. Hall and Poole were sent for, and tried in vain to resuscitate him, but in half an hour life was extinct. The doctors pronounced his death due to heart failure. The deceased man, Ibbotson, was between 35 and 40 years old, and was a traveller for E. W. MacLean & Company, with headquarters in Vancouver. He had been about eight years in the city, and was quite well known. He was an unmarried man, and so far as could be learned had no relatives here. At the time of his death he was to all appearance a strong, healthy man.

A distressing fatality occurred on Wednesday night, when Matthew Higgins, an old logger, who resides at Cedar Cove, was struck by a tram car on Westminster avenue and instantly killed. The accident occurred at 11.10 o'clock as the Powell-Pender street car was proceeding along Westminster avenue to the car barn on Prior street in charge of Motorman Harry Allan and Conductor Giffen. As the car neared the corner of Harris street, Motorman Allan noticed the deceased standing on the crossing and, thinking that the latter was going to board the car, he put on the brake and slackened the speed. As the car approached the corner the unfortunate man suddenly sprang on to the fender, which gave way beneath his heavy weight, and he was thrown beneath the wheels. The car stopped abruptly, after coming in contact with the body. Willing hands soon constructed a hoist, and after several minutes of hard and strenuous work, the car was raised and the body removed from beneath the wheels. Dr. T. H. Wilson, who was close by at the time of the accident, pronounced life extinct. Examination disclosed the fact that death was probably due to the injuries to the head, the left side of which was slightly crushed. The unfortunate man's legs were frightfully mangled, the left member being almost severed at the knee, while both arms were broken in several places. The car which ran over the deceased was not proceeding at a fast rate, and no blame can be attached to Motorman Allan, who did all in his power to stop the car when he saw the man jump in front. The deceased was about 52 years of age, and was a single man.

Lee Jack will have to go to jail unless other proceedings are taken which will result in giving him freedom. He is the Chinaman who was an actor in the Chinese theatre, and substituted a ten-candle power lamp for a six, when a flat rate had been given the proprietor of the place, and was convicted of stealing electricity and sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment. He was allowed out on bail pending an appeal, taken by D. G. Macdonell, but the appeal was dismissed.

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It calls upon man to cease his lamenting and repining and urges him to stand erect and assert his right to live and be happy.

It teaches him to be brave as there is nothing to fear. It teaches him to abolish fearthought and worry and the other foul brood of negative thought that have been keeping him in the mire of despair and failure. The new thought is not a "fad" as many have supposed although many have made it the amusement of an idle hour. The man or woman who awakes into a consciousness of the real principal underlying and making up that whole we call the new thought, will have found a peace which exceeds in comfort anything that has ever been known of, will feel a joy beyond anything that has ever been dreamt of, will have acquired a knowledge exceeding all that has ever been possible. Words cannot express this thing, it must be seen, felt, lived to be realized.

WINE FROM THE SEA.

The natives of the Brittany coast, from Le Conquet to Plouescat, are at present enjoying themselves to their utmost, thanks to Neptune's generosity.

The steamer Vesper, which went ashore on the coast of Ushant a few weeks ago, had on board a cargo of wine, in casks of 130 gallons each. These are now being washed ashore, and the consequence is, says the Paris edition of the New York Herald, that the inhabitants of that favored part of the coast are holding Bacchanalian orgies. As soon as a cask has been salved and installed in a cottage the neighbors are invited, and soon appear with all sorts of vessels—kettles, saucepans, buckets, or any other suitable household article.

Many humorous scenes have occurred in connection with the "windfall." At Molene the leading citizens danced round the empty barrels. A native of Plouguerneau, who hd found three barrels, thought it his duty to inform the officials. He was waylaid on the way, however, by some friends, who bound him fast and then proceeded to drink the contents of the barrels under his eyes, without giving him a drop. A girl of the same village, while drinking from a cask, the head of which had been removed, fell in, and was pulled out half drowned.

Some fishermen of Kerlouan found another barrel, but too impatient to wait for cups, took off their wooden shoes and used them instead. The custom house officials are powerless to put a stop to this state of affairs, as they would have to arrest every beach-dweller along some thirty miles of coast.

The town of Alost, in Belgium, has sold a picture by Rubens for £60,000, in order to raise money to build a new church.

CHAMPION BARBER.

Shaved Five Men in Sixty Seconds—Record of Wm. Lloyd.

Shaving a man in twelve seconds seems at first glance impossible, and the average barber would undoubtedly find the task far beyond his skill yet Wm. Lloyd, of London, has established this time as an average. His dexterity with the razor may be judged by any man who is accustomed to spend twenty minutes—ten times as long—in the reclining chair every time he visits his barber.

But this is not the limit of Lloyd's remarkable quickness, for he has shaved one man in nine seconds, this being the fastest time among the number of records he established while on his career to the recognized championship of the tonsorial world.

In making this record of five men in one minute, Lloyd picked his men and knew exactly what their whiskers were before his assistant lathered their faces. In explanation of the modus operandi of his lightning manipulation of the razor he said: "In the first place I used a good, heavy razor about an inch wide. I always keep my razor as flat to the face as possible, in order to

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"Of course the least number of movements with the hand the greater saving of time. For instance, there was one little trick which I kept a secret—but do not mind revealing now—which saved me a great deal of time in contests. I shaving off the hair just beneath the lower lip I made one bold, slanting, upward movement with the razor, whereas many barbers make two or three. The trick certainly required a little dexterity and practice, but it is easily and quickly done when you know the way.

"When I won the championship my opponent was a well known barber named Edward Wick, who had held it for a number of years. It was some friends who suggested that I should compete against him. At first I laughed at the idea, for Wick was a wonderfully quick shaver. Then I afterwards thought there would be no harm in trying, and sent in my challenge.

"The contest lasted fourteen nights, and on the last night we finished with exactly the same number of points each. I was just four seconds ahead of time, however, having shaved my last thirty-five in twelve minutes and twenty-nine seconds. It was a

Neck and Neck Race

all the way, as the saying goes, and I was extremely glad when it was all over.

"Six men were seated down each side of the stage and well lathered by assistants, and at the word 'begin' we commenced to take the hair off their faces.

"I always worked from the back of the stage down to the footlights, finding the slope in the stage a certain advantage. An assistant followed close to my elbow, holding a number of razors spread out like a fan, and immediately I required another razor I dropped the one I was using on the floor and snatched another from my assistant's hand

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to speed in such a competition was that you did not know what sort of a beard a man possessed until you started to shave him. His face, of course, was already covered with soap and probably underneath was three or four weeks' growth of beard sufficient to turn the edge of any fine razor. One man I shaved in the contest had a six months' beard on his face."

In training for this contest Lloyd established a small barbershop near Westminster under an assumed name and obtained plenty of subjects to operate upon by offering to shave them for nothing, and presenting them with a glass of beer into the bargain. In this way he used to get the shop full in a short time, and would then set to work. He once tried to shave 200 men without a stop, but after doing 140, in the average time of three and a half men a minute, his wrist got so stiff that he could not move it.

After winning the championship Lloyd was called upon several times to defend his title, but succeeded in beating all challengers.

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And take notice that all creditors of the said deceased are required on or before the 17th day of March, 1904, to send to the undersigned, post paid, particulars of their claims duly verified.

And notice is hereby given that said administrator will, after the said date, proceed to distribute the estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of creditors of whose debts or claims he shall then have received notice, and that he will not be responsible for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person or persons of whose debts or claims he shall not have received notice.

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Quartz.—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miners' certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of $7.50 per annum for an individual, and from $50 to $100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1.00 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 160 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of royalty on the sales not exceeding five per cent.

Placer Mining. Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee, $5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims for either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—A free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each fifteen miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six leases of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental, $100 per mile for first year, and $10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 200 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of mining recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate.

The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims only.

Entry fee, $10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by filing notice and paying fee of $2. A claim may be abandoned, and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least $200.

A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made and publishing notices in the Yukon Official Gazette.

Hydraulic Mining, Yukon Territory.—Locations suitable for hydraulic mining, having a frontage of from one to five miles, and a depth of one mile or more, may be leased for twenty years, provided the ground has been prospected by the applicant or his agent; is found to be unsuitable for placer mining; and does not include within its boundaries any mining claims already granted. A rental of $150 for each mile of frontage, and royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Territory are charged. Operations must be commenced within one year from the date of the lease, and not less than $5,000 must be expended annually. The lease excludes all base metals, quartz and coal, and provides for the withdrawal of unoperated land for agricultural or building purposes.

Petroleum.—All unappropriated Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and within the Yukon Territory are open to prospecting for petroleum, and the Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospected, an area of 640 acres. Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities, and satisfactorily establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, including the oil well and such other land as may be determined, will be sold to the discoverer at the rate of $1.00 an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by order-in-council.

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ENJOYABLE SOCIAL

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As briefly mentioned in the Times last evening, the warrant officers, staff sergeants and sergeants' club gave their third social on Wednesday evening last in the Fives Court, Work Point Barracks. The proceedings were graced by the presence of numerous lady friends of the club from Victoria and elsewhere, and military friends from the Fifth Regiment also were well represented.

Games, shooting, etc., were provided in one portion of the hall, the remainder of the floor being allotted for the use of the devotees of the light fantastic, the music being rendered by the well known Sehl and Bantly combination. During the evening Sergeants Whiting and Turner obliged with songs, and whilst refreshments were being served friends from the Navy were well represented by songs, comic and otherwise.

The enjoyable evening was brought to a close with "God Save the King."

The club trust that their many friends will again honor them with their presence on the evening of the next social, invitations for which will be issued in due course.

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CHARMER STORM-BOUND ALL NIGHT

SOUGHT SHELTER IN LEE OF AN ISLAND

Penelope Driven Ashore at Clallam Bay—Japs Booking for the Empress—Notes.

Not for 13 years, or since 1891, says E. Baynes Reid, of the meteorological station of this city, has Victoria experienced so low a barometric pressure as prevailed yesterday. The instrument at the station over the post office building recorded 28.84, while another barometer on the steamship Olympia, in port at 2 o'clock, read 28.80. All along the waterfront during the afternoon mariners were discussing the atmosphere. It was evident that a storm was brewing, and under the condition it was prudent for small craft to remain in port.

There was little change in the velocity of the wind until after dark. By 8 o'clock the storm appeared to break over Victoria, and in a very short time the wind was blowing between 50 and 60 miles an hour. From the first, however, it was apparent that Victoria was not the centre of the storm. Off the coasts of Washington, at the entrance of the straits, and on along the coast of this Island, Mr. Reed says that the fury of the gale was felt the strongest, and it would not be surprising to many navigators if accounts of disaster to shipping in this quarter are heard of in the course of a few days.

In port shippers were very uneasy. Capt. Cutler, of the tug Lorne, stayed by his vessel all night, although she was fast to the outer wharf. The Charmer did not arrive last night. She took shelter in lee of James island, Capt. Griffiths believing that discretion was the better part of valor, and that it was better not to take any chances in view of the many accidents which have happened at sea during the last few months. When he arrived this morning and was informed that there had been several storms of greater severity in Victoria this winter, he could not believe it. Where he had anchored the wind was extremely heavy, and continued so until long after daylight this morning. For this reason the ship did not reach port until about 8.30 this morning. As soon as she came in all haste was made to get her out as soon as possible. She started on her return voyage at 9.30.

DISCOVERY'S PASSENGERS.

An Associated Press dispatch from Seattle says:

"The names of 28 passengers embarked from Nome on the ill-fated steamer Discovery on October 16th, have been learned from a Nome paper. The list is as follows: Carl W. Larsen, F. A. Seaberg, F. C. Weaver, H. Logan, Gene Clum, X. B. Jones, Annie L. Jones, August Foster, Otto Naple, N. M. Claughton, H. Vernor, O. Borgh, F. J. Stewart, Miss Caton, Miss Christemon, B. M. Christemon, F. Anderson, J. North, George A. Schrack, L. M. Davis, Oscar Graff, D. Journor, H. Stader, G. Langton, H. J. Hicks, H. Roreboy, H. Herman and A. F. Johnson.

"Some of these may not have been lost, as it was their intention on leaving Nome to disembark at way ports."

THE PENELOPE ASHORE.

Capt. William Grant, manager of the Victoria Sealing Company, received a telegram last night stating that the sealing schooner Penelope, Capt. Macaulay, had dragged anchors and had gone ashore in Clallam bay, and that she has been badly damaged. The dispatch also stated that one of the crew had been drowned, but gave no name. Up till noon Capt. Grant had received no further particulars of the accident, but it is probable that before the day is over he will have received news from Captain Macaulay. The schooner had put into Clallam bay for shelter, and it is thought that the mishap was brought about by the sudden changing of the wind.

MAY ENLARGE FLEET.

The Seattle Times says: "Should conditions in the Far East change in a few months it is not unlikely that the Oriental fleet of the Boston Steamship Company will be increased to meet the demand for tonnage to carry the heavy shipments of flour and other foodstuffs to Japan, China and Russian ports. Since the sale of the steamships Victoria, Tacoma and Olympia to the Northeastern Siberian Company and the Northwestern Commercial Company, there has been some speculation in marine circles regarding the next move on the part of the Northern Pacific Steamship Company, which formerly operated the vessels."

NEW COMMANDER.

Commander A. T. Hunt arrived in the city by the Charmer this morning. He has been appointed to the command of H. M. S. Shearwater, and will await here her arrival from the south. This change is made necessary in consequence of the promotion of the present officer in charge, Capt. Umfreville, to the rank of captain. Capt. Umfreville's promotion was made in June last. He will return to England and be assigned to a larger vessel. The new commander of the Shearwater was promoted to his present rank in June, 1900. In July, 1902, he was assigned to the second class armored battle ship Temerarie, a depot ship for fleet reserve at Devonport.

BOOKING JAPS.

A London dispatch says: "The bookings for the Canadian Pacific steamer Empress of India, which leaves Vancouver on March 21st, are of an unprecedented nature, owing to the number of Japanese who have secured first class berths. Already 35 Japanese, who include officers and gentlemen travelling on the continent, have taken first class tickets at the London office. These heavy bookings are a proof that the Japanese regard the Canadian Pacific steamers as giving the speediest and safest passage."

MARINE NOTES.

H. W. Pyatt, acting chief steward on the R. M. S. Empress of India, was presented with a gold headed cane by the fellow officers of the ship upon his severing his connection with the vessel at Vancouver. Mr. Pyatt made the last trip of the India as steward, relieving Chief Steward Warne during the latter's absence in England. Thos. Proctor, electrician on the Empress of India, made the presentation, and in doing so expressed regret at losing Mr. Pyatt. The latter suitably replied. Refreshments were then served and the health of Mr. Pyatt and also that of Mr. Warne honored. Mr. Pyatt leaves to-day for Liverpool.

LABOR TEMPLE TO BE ERECTED AT WINNIPEG

Hotel Changes Hands—Dwelling Houses Destroyed by Fire—Five Colonist Trains Due To-Morrow.

(Associated Press.)

Winnipeg, March 11.—A. C. Murray, of the H. B. post at Fort St. James, Northern British Columbia, left for Montreal yesterday.

Waterworks.

Portage la Prairie council has received a loan offer of $250,000 at 5 per cent. to push ahead the waterworks.

Fire.

The house and contents of John J. Wiebe, Plum Coulee, and $160 in cash, were destroyed by fire on Monday last.

Died After Brief Illness.

S. J. McLeod died after a brief illness this morning aged 35 years. A widow and five children survive him.

Colonists.

Five colonist trains from Ontario will reach the city on Saturday.

Labor Temple.

The labor unions of Winnipeg have decided to build a temple.

Sudden Death.

John Gerry, a Brandon district farmer, dropped dead at St. Paul, Minn., while returning home from a visit to friends at Michell, Ont.

Hotel Sold.

Maurice Nokes, of this city, purchased the Winnipeg hotel yesterday. The price was $125,000.

Clearing House Returns.

The clearing house returns for the week ending 10th March were $4,487,243; the same week last year the clearings were $3,672,292.

DAVIES WON.

Defeated Berg in Wrestling Match at Vancouver.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, March 11.—Davies won the wrestling match last night from Jno. Berg. It was an adjourned contest, each man having a fall to his credit in last month's match. Davies last night secured the first fall in an hour and seven minutes. Berg won the second in an hour and eleven minutes. The men started again at midnight, and Davies won on a flying fall, eleven minutes later. The men were in great condition, but the pace told. Davies is now champion of the Northwest and British Columbia. Frank Gotch was referee.

Frank Gotch and Two Feathers wrestle here for the championship of the world on March 23rd.

Ambrose Arnott, aged 60, a well known farmer of Goldenbeam, N. Y., was discovered early on Thursday morning in the kitchen of his home with his skull fractured in two places. Arnott regained consciousness in the afternoon and told the coroner that he was tired of life and had tried to knock his brains out with a hammer.

The British steamer Cape Corrientes has arrived at New York from an eventful voyage during which she rescued nine men from the Russian schooner Emilija, of Riga, while dismasted in midocean. Two days later a tremendous explosion occurred on the steamer, which severely burned the third engineer, Neil McArthur. A hose was turned on the fire and all the crew and shipwrecked men working with buckets soon had the fire under control.

SHERIEF GIVES STORY IN COURT

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belonged to him. Witness had the scales and boiler removed to a passage way in the front of the cabin. He placed them with the harness. Cook was there at the time. Witness told him they were not to be interfered with. The next morning when he got there, at 9.30 o'clock, he found that the harness had been removed. Witness asked Cook what he had done with it. He said he had taken it, and was going to use it. Witness told him he had no right to do so, that the harness was under seizure, and that he had been warned not to touch it. He (witness) told Cook to return it, but he refused to do so. Witness then went to the stable and found the harness again on the horse. Witness had it removed and returned to the place it was taken from. He again warned Cook that if he touched the harness he would get into trouble. The harness remained there undisturbed until the following Saturday. On that afternoon about 3 o'clock when witness went to Cook's premises the accused was there. He (witness) proceeded to the cabin where the articles were stored and found that the harness was missing. He came out and saw Cook standing in the yard. Witness said: "Cook, the set of harness has been taken. What have you done with it?" Cook replied: "I am going to clean it."

"Where is the harness?" inquired witness. That's for you to find out," retorted Cook.

Witness said: "I've warned you several times not to touch it." He then searched for the harness, and found that it was on the horse in the stable, and the stable door locked with a padlock. Witness then returned to Cook and said: "You have the harness locked in the stable on the horse. Come, unlock the door and let me get it." Cook refused to do so. Witness said: "Cook, if you don't deliver up that harness to me, I'll be forced to place you under arrest." The accused replied: "Then it's you and I for it." Witness stepped towards him, and he said: "Don't you come near me," and started to the street. Witness went after him. The accused continued down Fort street along Douglas to View, up View past Blanchard. Witness followed him as far as Blanchard, and turned toward Fort. Cook continued up View. As soon as he found that witness was not pursuing him he returned down View street. Witness followed him back down View along Douglas to Fort. He went up the latter street, and witness entered Terry & Marret's drug store and telephoned for a police officer.

Witness then returned towards Cook's store. The accused was standing in front. As witness aproached him he crossed the street and walked down. As he reached the corner of Douglas street Constable O'Leary was on the opposite corner coming up. Witness signalled to the officer, pointing to Cook. The accused saw him do so, and started to run down Douglas street towards Humboldt. Witness again signalled to the constable, who called the accused back. Cook returned, and was placed under arrest by witness and given in charge of Constable O'Leary. Witness subsequently laid the information. The harness was valued at $24. The warrant of execution had never been settled. The defendant's goods and chattels were still under seizure.

Mr. Walls: "That's an argument—a question—it shouldn't go down."

The Witness: "It's a fact." The baliff was still in possession.

Cross-examined by J. P. Walls: When witness seized the bicycle the accused was outside. Four or five feet separated witness from Cook, who was outside. The gate was open. After witness seized the wheel Cook pulled it and him (witness) to the street. Witness had hold of the top part of the bicycle and Cook held the handle bar. Witness denied that he caught the bicycle as Cook was leaving with it by the crook of his stick. Once when the accused nearly drew it away witness had to hold the wheel with his stick. He swore that he grasped the top bar before he caught the wheel with the crook of his stick. The seizure took place in the yard. Witness returned the bike to its place inside the fence, subsequently removing it to his office. If was there yet, "that is if it hasn't been removed," added the witness.

"It hasn't been removed with your permission?" queried Mr. Walls.

"Certainly not," replied the witness.

"When did you last see it," asked counsel.

"This morning," returned the witness.

The cross-examination of Mr. Richards was continued for some time, after which an adjournment was taken until this afternoon. The hearing in the police court, which has now started, apparently does not affect the strategical situation at the scene of the siege, as the sentinels continue to pace vigilantly up and down.

THE BIG DREDGE.

Description of the One Being Installed at Lillooet by the Peterboro Company.

Wm. Hamilton, of the Wm. Hamilton Manufacturing Company, Peterboro, Ont., is in the province installing the large dredge for the Iowa-Lillooet Gold Mining Company. This dredge will be the largest in Canada, and, as soon as warmer weather sets in, operations will be commenced. The machinery was taken overland to Ashcroft in a wagon to Lillooet.

Mr. Hamilton's description of the dredge given in the Vancouver News-Advertiser is as follows: The dredge just completed will be operated this spring, and will cost close on to $90,000, the estimate being $86,500. It is a bucket dredge of the New Zealand type, especially designed to conform with conditions which obtain. It has been so designed that all the weak parts of the former dredges have been strengthened by the use of a stronger and more lasting material, and of different design. The hull is 100 feet long and 34 feet in width, and is built of Douglas fir. The bow is sheeted with steel plate. The main gantry, which supports the ladder, is of steel. The ladder, which is 72 feet in length, weighs 90,000 pounds, and has a continuous chain of buckets revolving round it. Each of these buckets is capable of carrying six cubic feet of gravel, and is made of steel plate, with lips of 1x7-inch nickel steel. The bushing and pins connecting these buckets are made of the best manganese steel. There are four links to each bucket, which are made of 2x6-inch steel, and bushed with manganese steel. The gravel is discharged from these buckets at the rate of 15 yards per minute into a revolving screen, 5x4, which is made of steel plate perforated with holes. The gravel, in passing through this screen, is washed, the water being discharged into the screen at the rate of 35,000 gallons per minute. All the small gravel and gold filters through the screen on to the tables, and the larger material passes through to the elevators or stackers, which deliver it 40 feet from the stern of the dredge, and stack it 25 feet above the water. The tables are so designed as to save all the gold, having a fanning motion. The gravel, after passing over the tables, is carried through an undercurrent quicksilver trap.

This dredge is operated by five engines, fed by one large boiler. The main entrance, which operates the buckets, screen and gold fables, is 116 horse power marine. The pump engine is directly connected, and is 35 horse power marine; the ladder engine, 30 horse power horizontal. The engine running the dynamo is six horse power. The line engine is marine type, 40 horse power, directly connected to the winches. The winches handle four side lines of one-inch steel cable, and two head lines of one-quarter inch cable. These lines are used for moving or holding the dredge in place. The total weight of the machinery required to build the dredge is 330 tons.

The Colombian government has brought action against the Panama Canal Company, asking the First Chamber, a civil tribunal, to forbid the company ceding its property and rights to a foreign government, says a Paris dispatch. Colombia bases her request on the twenty-first article of the concession to the company that gives the state the right to refuse to permit the transfer of the company's property, and holds that the present transfer was primarily brought about by force.

The railroads entering Philadelphia have announced another cut in ex-lake grain freight rates from Buffalo, to go into effect March 15th. The cut amounts to four mills on all grain except oats, on which no cut was made. The new rule will be: Wheat and flax seed, 1 cent; corn and rye, .75; oats, .4; barley, .5.

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